



**Town of West Boylston**  
140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

## **The Affordable Housing Trust Meeting Minutes August 9, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert J. Barrell, Anna Mary Kraemer, Patricia Halpin, and Kristina Pedone

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. James Jardine

**Chairperson opened the meeting at 6:09 PM**

The minutes of the June 2, 2021 and June 21, 2021 were reviewed and approved on motions by Ms. Kraemer and Ms. Pedone. These motions were approved by all.

Chairperson Halpin introduced Mr. James Jardine, a West Boston resident, concerned about the water quality and the need to protect the water with regard to the ability of 40B developers to circumvent wetland protection laws. Mr. Jardine seeks support for HB2198 - An Act Relative to the Protection of Wetlands and Water Resources in Chapter 40B from the Affordable Housing Trust. After some discussion it was agreed that a letter shall be drafted strongly supporting the act. Ms. Pedone will prepare the letter and make it available for each Trust member to execute. This action was approved on a motion by Ms. Pedone and seconded by Mr. Barrell. This motion was unanimously approved.

Chairperson Halpin has prepared the annual funding application for the Trust in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund. This request will be forwarded for consideration and approval by the Committee and subsequently to Town Meeting. This funding supports the mission of the Trust to develop affordable housing and to preserve the affordable housing inventory. Ms. Pedone moved to support this request which was seconded by Mr. Kraemer and approved by all.

Ms. Halpin advised members that it is necessary to reorganize the officers of the Trust. It was agreed to retain the present officers despite efforts of the Chair and Clerk to vacate their positions. Ms. Kraemer moved to maintain the present officers, Ms. Halpin - Chair, Ms. Kraemer - Vice Chair, Mr. Barrell - Clerk. This motion was seconded by Ms. Pedone and approved by all.

Ms. Halpin will contact Mr. Hill to obtain a list of a number of profit and non-profits that may be interested in developing affordable housing in town.

**Mr. Barrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. This motion was seconded by Ms. Kraemer and approved by all.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Robert Barrell**