



Town of West Boylston
140 Worcester Street
West Boylston, MA 01583
May 18, 2023

Members Present: Robert J. Barrell, Chris Berglund, Marc Frieden, Pat Halpin

Also Present: Michael Cheung, Tom Zappia, David Femia

The zoom meeting opened at 6:03 PM. On roll call the above members answered in the affirmative.

The minutes of the February 28, 2023 were read and approved on a motion by Mr. Berglund and seconded by Mr. Frieden. This motion was approved by all.

The minutes of the were read and approved as amended on a motion by Mr. Frieden and seconded by Mr. Berglund. This motion was approved by all.

Ms. Halpin requested an update from Trust members that serve on other Boards. Mr. Frieden, a member of the Select Board, stated that Crescent Builders has been approved by The Select Board for participation in the LIP (Local Initiative Program). The Branded Group has not submitted an application for the LIP at this time .It is expected that the developers of 18 Malden are going directly to the State for approval of a 40B. There were no additional updates.

The Trust has received an invoice from LDS in the amount of \$1410.00. LDS is contracted to update and maintain the subsidized housing inventory. This work is billed as per the approved contract with LDS. Ms. Halpin is authorized to make payment.

Mr. Berglund is exploring a grant to offset the cost of the Housing Production Plan. The funding for this grant is found in FY24 Round of the Community One Stop for Growth. The present plan required by the Department of Housing and Community Development expires November 2023 and must be updated. Failure to update the plan may make the Town ineligible for certain grants. The estimated cost for a revised plan is \$50,000.00. The Trust believes this service may be obtained at a significant lower amount as the historical data has already been captured. The Trust shall not proceed with obtaining bids until it is known the result of the grant application.

The Trust is delighted that the State has created a new cabinet secretary devoted to housing . The head of the secretary is the former Worcester city manager Mr. Augustus. It was suggested that a letter be drafted congratulating him on his new appointment.

Ms. Halpin advised the members that each June the members have an opportunity to reorganize the leadership Trust.

The June meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2023.

Mr. Barrell moved to adjourn at 7:23 PM. This motion was seconded by Mr. Frieden and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert Barrell