

Sturbridge Housing Partnership
Minutes of November 28, 2018 Open meeting

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An open meeting of the Sturbridge Housing Partnership took place on Wednesday November 28, 2018. The meeting opened at 7:04 pm. A quorum check took place.

Members

Danielle Lariviere

Margaret Darling

Matt Maselli

Ed Neal

constituting a quorum of the Partnership were in attendance. Ed Neal, Clerk, took minutes. Guest, Michael Suprenant, was also in attendance.

EN read the agenda.

-Minutes of 8/15/2018 were presented for approval. DL made motion to approve as written. MM seconded. All in favor.

-Minutes of 9/19/2018 were presented for approval. MM made motion to approve as written. DL seconded. All in favor.

-Minutes of 10/17/2018 were presented for approval. MM made motion to approve as written. DL seconded. All in favor.

-EN presented a Mission Statement for approval. MD made motion to approve as written. DL made motion to approve as written. MM seconded. All in favor.

-EN presented a proposal of Rules and Regulations governing the actions and procedures of the Partnership, subject to final approval by the Board of Selectmen. DL made a motion to accept as written. MM seconded. All in favor. Whereupon, it was agreed that EN would submit same at a future meeting of the Board of Selectmen for final approval.

-MM made copies of the literature on Affordable Housing Trusts. Members to read and discuss at next meeting.

-EN reported the pertinent issues discussed at the 10/29 CPC meeting and his request that the CPC put in its budget the \$22,500 needed to fund the CMRPC housing study.

-The Partnership then discussed the viability of the 7 Main Street property. EN stated that he met with the Building Inspector, Nelson Burlingame. Nelson stated that the Town was in discussion with the foreclosing bank to tear down the building and that it was not suitable for rehab.

-Nelson then described with EN the potential of Town owned

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property at 4 Camp Road.

EN described that the property had 80 feet of frontage and an area of 4.08 acres. EN stated his thought that the property was “grandfathered”, and that up to 4 dwelling units could be built with a special permit. MS stated that public water and sewer could be available if brought approximately 150’ from its present terminus. Motion was made by DL to authorize EN to assess the viability of 4Camp Road for multiple family use. MM seconded the motion. All in favor.

-The Members and MS then engaged in a discussion of MGL 40R to create workforce housing that was affordable, together with the benefits afforded by MGL c. 40S by the State for cost reimbursement for schooling and transportation. MS apprised the Partnership of Governor Baker’s assessment that 135,000 new workforce housing units were needed in Massachusetts.

-EN apprised the Members that Bethlehem Lutheran Church would be donating \$250.00 to the Town to be allocated to the work of the Partnership. MM then explained to the Members that the donation was a sacrifice for the Church and given in heartfelt belief of the Partnership’s work. MS suggested that donation could be put on the Selectmen’s 12/3/2018 agenda for acceptance. MM agreed to make the presentation. Motion made to recommend that the Board accept the donation for the use by the Partnership. Motion made by MD. Seconded by DL. All in favor.

-Motion made at 7:59 pm by DL to adjourn. Seconded by MM. All in favor

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting 12/19/2018 at 7:00 pm