

Housing Partnership
Meeting Minutes of
10/17/18

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Open meeting at 6:01pm

Quorum present:

Matt Masselli

Margaret Darling

Ed Neal

Absent: Danielle Lariviere

Invited guests:

Jean Bubon

Trish Settles

Emily Glaubitz

Also present: Rev. Kirsten Roenfeldt

1) due to typographical error, approval of 09/18 Minutes postponed until next meeting

2) short discussion among members to appoint new secretary ("recorder")

MM moves to appoint EN as recorder. MD seconds. Vote: all in favor.

3) EN informed the Partnership of an upcoming CHAPA seminar being offered in November.

4) invited guests TS and EG from CMRPC were introduced and presented a written proposal to the Partnership to develop a housing plan for the Town of Sturbridge. discussion among JB and the Partnership ensued that the Town's last housing plan was in 2008; that the last Master Plan was done in 2011; TS stated that the Town inventory of affordable housing units was at 5.5%, with 10% required; that a CMRPC Plan would create "safe harbor" protection from adverse State action against the Town for failure to meet the 10% quota. TS presented a written proposal to the Town to affect such a plan. TS stated that the HP could accept certain proposal deletions from the plan. MM asked whether CMRPC would hold to the quote of \$22,500 for the Plan. TS said it would. TS discussed how their study would take into account regional considerations; hold seminars; work with Town offices and make recommendations, establish goals and objectives. In response to a question from MM, it was up to the discretion of Town Meeting to fund the study. At the conclusion of the presentation MM made a motion, seconded by MD, to accept the CMRPC proposal of 10/12/2018 in its entirety and recommend Community Preservation Committee and Town Meeting funding to develop a Housing Partnership Plan for the Town. Vote: all in favor. The Partnership thanked TS and EG for their presentation.

5) EN proposed a sharing of its agendas and minutes with designated Town departments. JB suggested that a posting system was already in place. No vote taken. Further discussion at next meeting.

6) EN relayed discussion with Sue Grandone to reconsider her resignation at some future time.

7) MM raised issue of reconfiguration of paragraphs of proposed Mission Statement and substituting a word. Issue to be discussed at next meeting.

8) brief discussion of Affordable Housing Trusts. JB provided materials germane to the issue, to be taken up at next meeting.

9) Discussion of 7 Main Street property put over until next meeting. JB informed that the foreclosing

Bank and the Town are working to resolve the situation. EN tasked to get more information.
Motion made by MD to adjourn. MM seconds. Vote: all in favor
Adjourn 7:29pm

Approved
11-28-18
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