## TOWN OF STURBRIDGE

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## HOUSING PARTNERSHIP MINUTES

AUGUST 15, 2018

Present: Margaret Darling, Ed Neal, Danielle LaRiviere, Sue Grandone

Invited Guest: Jean Bubon, Matt Maselli

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Ed Neal, Chair

Minutes read from June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Minutes approved. July 25, 2018, scheduled Housing Partnership (HP) Committee meeting had no quorum, meeting was adjourned. Motion made by Danielle, seconded by Sue. All in favor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Jean Bubon, Town Planner discussed the current Sturbridge housing needs. She reviewed the 2008 Town of Sturbridge Housing Committee Assessment, the 2011 Sturbridge Master Plan, detailing Section #3 HOUSING, and why the disbanding of the previous Housing Committee. She recommended the HP update the housing plan needs, and to update the housing survey (HP may want to hire a consultant to work with the committee). Town may need to consider zoning changes, parcel sizes in identifying all the housing needs: affordable housing (single family/multi units; mix use concept, high-end condos; tiny houses; etc.

Chair, Ed Neal appointed a Housing Plan Committee. Motion made by Chair for Danielle LaRiviere to chair this committee. Seconded by Margaret. All in favor.

Ed will contact Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) to inquire about updated Massachusetts towns housing plans with active partnership and funding sources. He will also investigate housing trusts. Once HP goals are established, housing surveys should be updated, committee may want to consider hiring a consultant to work with us. Once the updated housing plan has been developed and approved, committee will need to consider providing education and outreach with in the community.

Matt Maselli was very interested in becoming a HP committee member, he will submit his letter of intent to the Town Administrator.

The next meeting is scheduled Wednesday September 19, 2018 at the Sturbridge Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Danielle, seconded by Sue. All in favor at 8:30pm.

Minutes prepared by Sue Grandone, interim Secretary

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