

Town of Medway Affordable Housing Trust Fund & Affordable Housing Committee

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

VIA Zoom

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, under which public bodies retain the option of holding open meetings and hearings remotely, and in accordance with the Medway Select Board's remote participation policy as amended at its July 2, 2021 meeting, all persons participated remotely in this meeting via Zoom. Information for participating via Zoom was posted at the end of the meeting's Agenda on the town website.

Trust Members:	X Present	Absent		Present	Absent
Ann Sherry, Chair Judi LaPan Jack Wolfe Alexandra Jacobson	X X X X		Glenn Trindade	X	
Committee Members:	Present	Absent		Present	Absent
Judi LaPan, Chair Jack Wolfe Alexandra Jacobson	X X X		Glenn Trindade Michael Billeri	X X	

Also Present:

Barbara Saint Andre, Director of Planning and Economic Development

The Affordable Housing Trust and Affordable Housing Committee were called to order and the members participating remotely were identified.

MINUTES:

November 1, 2023:

Affordable Housing Trust:

On a motion made by Glenn Trindade, seconded by Ann Sherry, the Trust approved by roll call the minutes from November 1, 2023 (5-0).

Roll Call Vote:

Ann Sherry Aye
Judi LaPan Aye
Alex Jacobson Aye
Jack Wolfe Aye
Glenn Trindade Aye

Affordable Housing Committee:

On a motion made by Michael Billeri, seconded by Jack Wolfe, the Committee approved by roll call the minutes from November 1, 2023 (5-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Judi LaPan Aye
Alex Jacobson Aye
Michael Billeri Aye
Jack Wolfe Aye
Glenn Trindade Aye

Discussion /Vote Budget Adjustments dated 11.6.23

The Trust is in receipt of a proposed budget adjustment. There needs to be a reallocation of funds into the housing specialist account. The amount would be \$20,000.00. There would also be funds added to the maintenance account in the amount of \$10,000.00. This is a total of \$30,000.00. The amount available in the account would be \$497,005.41.

On a motion made by Glenn Trindade, seconded by Ann Sherry, the Trust voted unanimously to approve the budget allocation. (5-0).

Roll Call Vote:

Ann Sherry Aye
Judi LaPan Aye
Alex Jacobson Aye
Jack Wolfe Aye
Glenn Trindade Aye

Update 39 Main Street (Hathon):

The Trust/Committee wanted an update on the status of the units at 39 Main Street. The Trust/Committee received an email dated 1.2.24 which indicated there are currently 18 households moved in, 10 approved applications looking for review to move in and 6 verifying eligibilities. There are 48 units currently occupied. There is a third party who is managing the process. Mr. Trindade confirmed that Hathon accepts Section 8 vouchers.

Update on Glen Brook Way Phase Two:

There is no new information regarding Glen Brook Way. They are working toward occupancy of Building D. It was suggested that there be an event celebration planned for the completion of the development.

7-5 Kingston Lane:

Member Wolfe recused himself from the discussions.

The Trust/Committee were informed that there was a closing for 7-5 Kingston Lane. This was sold for \$159,000.00.

Member Wolfe returned to the discussion.

495/Metrowest Partnership Meeting:

The Trust/Committee were informed that Ms. Sherry listened to the zoom meeting regarding the 495 Metrowest Partnership. Some of the discussion was about expanding the tax credits for affordable housing opportunities. There were comments made about the need for affordable housing for seniors.

Matt J McConville was present during the zoom meeting. He explained that he was the Chairman of SEPAC when his children were in school. He communicated there is a need for housing for children with special needs who are entering adulthood and trying to have housing being independent from caregivers. The State provides very little help for these adults.

The Trust/Committee would like to discuss with Caitlyn Madden from MetroWest about if there could be a working collaborative to create housing for those adults/seniors with disabilities who need housing. There was also discussion that there could be more research done in regard to the agency SMOC which is located in Framingham. An idea was noted to work with SMOC and Metrowest to provide housing.

Due to video technicalities, the meeting ended.

Next Meeting: February 7, 2024

The meeting ended 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland Recording Secretary

Edited by
Barbara J. Saint Andre
Director, Community and Economic Development