

Town of Medway Affordable Housing Trust Fund & Affordable Housing Committee

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 6:30 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.

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

Also Present:

Barbara J. Saint Andre, Director of Community and Economic Development

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MINUTES: March 13, 2024

Affordable Housing Trust:

On a motion made by Judi LaPan, seconded by Glenn Trindade, the Trust approved by roll call the minutes from March 13, 2024 (4-0).

Roll Call Vote:

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

Affordable Housing Committee:

On a motion made by Jack Wolfe, seconded by Michael Billeri, the Committee approved by roll call the minutes from March 13, 2024 (4-0)

Roll Call Vote:Judi LaPanAyeMichael BilleriAyeJack WolfeAyeGlenn TrindadeAye

INVOICES:

There were no invoices to approve.

GLEN BROOK FINAL CONSTRUCTION REPORT:

The Trust/Committee are in receipt of the Glen Brook Final Construction Report. The report notes that there have been some adjustments made to the financing and other tax credits awarded from the Federal Government. This was due to increased costs and supply chain issues caused by the pandemic.

There was discussion about contacting representatives of Metro West to hold a ribbon cutting event. A date and time will need to be determined. A suggestion was made to have the event at 5:00 p.m. so committee members could attend. The Trust/Committee would also like a MetroWest representative to attend the May 8th meeting to provide the Trust/Committee an update on the status of the project and occupancy of units.

HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN AND MASTER PLAN INITIATIVE:

There was discussion that the State is looking to have accessory dwellings by right. The Trust/Committee were informed that the Zoning Board of Appeals is looking to make changes to the Zoning Bylaw, which right now allows for Accessory Family Dwelling Units. There is currently a special permit which is needed for this type of use. The State is recommending that these be by right as long as certain criteria are met. These would not be only for family members. The Planning and Economic Development Board (PEDB) will be working on this for a possible warrant article for the fall.

The Trust/Committee is interested in pursuing this.

A question was asked about status of the property on Main Street across from Medway Block owned by Meehan. Meehan has not submitted an application yet. The Town Manager has reached out to them.

There was discussion about the property located at 72 Main Street owned by the Town and a possible collaboration with Metro West for another affordable housing project which could include some assisted living and also units for the special needs population. A suggestion was also made to include a new location for the current food pantry. The current food pantry in town needs a larger space.

Town Meeting Warrant:

The PEDB held the public hearing for the proposed MBTA Community multi-family housing zoning. This was a well-attended hearing. The Select Board and PEDB agreed to remove the warrant article from the May Town Meeting. This will be placed on the Fall Town meeting warrant, in order to allow more time to provide more education and public outreach.

General Business:

- There was a retirement lunch held for Doug Havens at the Town Hall.
- There will be a SWAP breakfast to be held on May 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Thayer House.
- The Trust and Committee members up for reappointment are all interested in being reappointed. An email should be sent to Liz Langley expressing interest in reappointment.
- Town Meeting will be held on May 13, 2024.

Adjourn:

Affordable Housing Trust:

On a motion made by Glenn Trindade, seconded by Judi LaPan, the Trust adjourned the meeting (4-0)

Roll Call Vote:

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

Affordable Housing Committee:

On a motion made by Judi LaPan seconded by Jack Wolfe, the Committee adjourned the meeting. (4-0)

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u> Judi LaPan Aye Glenn Trindade Aye

Michael Billeri Aye Jack Wolfe Aye

<u>Next Meeting:</u> May 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting ended 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland Recording Secretary

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