

Affordable Housing Trust Fund Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 6:30PM

Location: McAuliffe Hearing Room, 17 Common St., Southborough, MA 01772

Present: Lisa Braccio, Chelsea Malinowski, Doriann Jasinski, Kathy Cook, Andrew Dennington, Sam Stivers,

Absent: Mr. Boland

Others in attendance: Southborough Housing Opportunity Partnership Committee (SHOPC) quorum and Historical Commission quorum.

Chair Braccio called the meeting to order at 6:34PM

Discussion of 5 Cordaville Road

Mr. Miller, Chair of the Historical Commission, updated the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Committee (AHTFC) of the timeline on the property, the condition, and potentially what AHTFC could consider regarding this property.

Ms. Cook updated the Committee on the opportunity we may have to acquire this property to be used potentially for affordable housing, town offices or another use that may be determined. Habitat for Humanity representatives including Mr. Hamilton, a resident that volunteers with Habitat, attended a walk though and feels it has good potential to be rehabbed and utilized to give an opportunity to a family as an Affordable unit. The Committee expressed interest potentially exploring this if an opportunity presents itself.

Ms. Braccio had questions on the timeline and requested that the Southborough Housing Opportunity Partnership Committee (SHOPC) have a role in moving forward. There were assurances this would happen.

Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Cook addressed the timeline questions and agreed that interested parties need to be brought together for a conversation, which is why the current meeting was scheduled. There was much information to share, discussions to happen and it was the genesis of the current meeting.

Ms. Malinowski suggested checking with Town Counsel on the legality/liability of having conversations as there is currently a contract in place.

Mr. Wood, a member of (SHOPC) and the Housing Authority, said he would like to explore the opportunity to see if the Housing Authority might be interested as well.

Steps forward would include continuing the conversations with interested parties, getting more information and making sure we could act quickly if needed.

Ms. Braccio made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Stivers. Roll call vote (7-0) Mr. Boland, aye. Ms Jasinski, aye. Ms. Cook, aye. Ms. Malinowski, aye. Mr. Stivers, aye. Mr. Dennington, aye. Ms. Braccio, aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Braccio, Chair