Town of Ayer

Department of Community & Economic Development OF AYER

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Minutes of September 15, 2023, Ayer Affordable Housing Committee (AAHC) Open Session Meeting Minutes.

Janet Providakes, Chair AAHC, presiding. Meeting called to order at 10:03 am AAHC Members present: Janet Providakes (Chair), Ron Morrison, Ken Diskin

Agenda Items: General Business

Review and approval of agenda: no changes made. A motion was made by Ron Morrison to approve the meeting agenda as posted and seconded by Ken Diskin. Motion passed vote 3-0-0

Review and approval of minutes for AAHC meeting 8/18/2023:

Motion: A motion was made by Ron Morrison to approve the 8/18/2023 meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Janet Providakes.

Motion passed by roll call vote 2-0-1

Agenda Item: Public Comment & Questions

A recommendation was made to move this item towards the end of the meeting, so the public can hear the discussions and then comment later in the meeting, if needed.

Agenda Item: Public Forum: "Future of Housing in Ayer"

The date of October 19th was confirmed with a start time of 6:00 pm, to be held in the Great Hall. The public hearing for the Town's CDBG Housing Rehabilitation program will happen on November 5th instead, as there is too much to cover during the forum. The committee agreed upon the outline of an agenda including initial pizza and visual preference activity, welcome by Janet Providakes. There will be an update given by Janet and Geof Tillotson, Alicia will delve into the Ayer 2020 Census numbers while Alan Manoian will present an update to sustainable development principles, MBTA Community Housing Plan. Ron Morrison will give a residential real estate overview along with the impact of the growth in Devens. Have a breakout session with 5 questions and then a breakout session at the end.

Agenda Item: Janet Providakes, Update from Working Group

- Janet Providakes updated the committee on the working group discussion on Ayer's current zoning. Looking at the state guidelines for size of units. Before zoning there were structures built below the 750 sq ft size.

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Discussion:

- No update about NOAH's project at 65 Fitchburg Road.

Next meeting: AAHC Meeting October 2, 2023 at 10am

Meeting Adjourned: 11:20 am AAHC Motion: Ken Diskin motioned to adjourn the AAHC meeting, Ron Morrison seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0