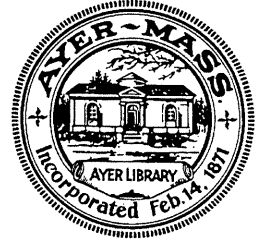


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Minutes of May 22, 2020– Ayer Affordable Housing Committee

Location: Zoom Meeting, Ayer Town Hall

Members Present: Janet Providakes, Ron Morrison, Karin Swanfeldt, Ken Diskin

Also Present: Alicia Hersey, Committee Administrator & Community Development Program Manager

Janet Providakes, called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

General Business

Approve the Agenda

Karin Swanfeldt made a motion to approve the agenda, Ron Morrison seconded.
Unanimous vote to approve the agenda. (4-0-0)

Approve Meeting Minutes 02-21-2020

Ron Morrison made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the February 21, 2020 meeting. Karin Swanfeldt seconded the motion.
Vote to approve the minutes. (4-0-0)

Public Comment – no public comment

MHP – Virtual Training on Local Emergency Rental Assistance

Janet Providakes and Alicia Hersey reported on their participation in the MHP Virtual Training on Local Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA). Also discussed was the OCED zoom forum on Food Security. Ron Morrison updated the group on what he was seeing in the market related to housing and business rentals.

Janet Providakes – Housing Trust & CPC Surcharge Increase

Janet Providakes update the group on the CPC ballot measure to increase the Town's CPC surcharge. Stating that the measure was still on the Spring Town ballot, and that the information session had been held on May 20th.

Ayer Affordable Housing Committee Annual Report & Website

Janet Providakes updated the Committee on the Ayer Affordable Housing Committee annual report which would be included in the Town's annual report. In addition, she informed the Committee on the new Ayer Affordable Housing Committee web page on the Ayer Town website. Alicia Hersey pointed out that the minutes needed to be signed by the chairman, once that was done, they could be posted to the web page.

The members then discussed the make up of the committee, recognizing the difficulty in getting a quorum. It was suggested that we go from 7 members to 5 with 2 alternates. The committee recommended that the Chairman approach the BOS requesting these changes.

Community Development Block Grant Covid-19 (CDBG-CV)

Alicia Hersey updated the committee regarding a new CDBG-CV grant opportunity which she and Alan S. Manoian were working on. She explained that this grant would have money for Emergency Rental Assistance, Small Business Assistance and Social Programs.

Alicia Hersey – Housing Production Plan

No update currently.

Discussion

The committee discussed meeting availability with three members voicing concern with evening meetings. One member said that Wednesdays would not work for them. A consensus was that Friday mornings were good but there was a general concern that Stephen Wentzell was having trouble making that time slot. It was agreed that we would reach out to Stephen to see what would work for him.

Meeting adjourned

Unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am. (4-0-0)

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Janet Providakes
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