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Minutes of November 18, 2022, Ayer Affordable Housing Committee (AAHC) Open Session Meeting Minutes.

Janet Providakes, Chair AAHC, presiding. Meeting called to order at 10:30 am
AAHC Members present: Janet Providakes (Chair), Ken Diskin, Ron Morrison
Also present: Alicia Hersey, AAHC Administrator

Agenda Items: General Business

Review and approval of agenda: no changes made

AAHC Motion: A motion was made by Ron Morrison to approve the meeting agenda as posted and seconded by Ken Diskin. **Motion passed by roll call vote 3-0-0**

Review and approval of minutes for AAHC meeting 9/9/2022:

Motion: A motion was made by Ken Diskin to approve the 9/9/2022 meeting minutes and seconded by Ron Morrison.

Motion passed by roll call vote 3-0-0

Agenda Item: Public Comment & Questions

None

Ken Diskin noted that in the first year of meetings of the AAHC a hospital representative had attended. Ken was wondering if the hospital was still interested in housing the housing issues of the town. Alicia Hersey responded that the person at the hospital in the community outreach position had moved on and she was unsure if the position had been filled again.

Agenda Item: Old Business

Fall Town Meeting: The Committee reviewed the Town meeting vote to approve CPC funding of NOAH's affordable housing chapter 40B development. Agreeing that the proactive public outreach and questions helped pass this funding for NOAH.

Ayer Commons: Alicia Hersey reported that ZBA met on the 16th and they reviewed 40B project waiver request and then continued the public hearing.

Affordable Housing Trust Updates: Alicia Hersey reported that the second phase of the Ayer Rental Assistance program would launch on January 2nd.

A general discussion was had concerning the rental increase being seen at the Zodiac apartment complex. Ron Morrison explained that many first-time buyers are back in the rental market due to the increase in interest rates. The committee discussed the ongoing search for property in the community for the development of affordable housing.

Agenda Item: New Business

Long-term planning for affordable housing
Moved forward to next meeting

Zoning Bylaws

Moved forward to next meeting

Planning Board

Moved forward to next meeting

Next meeting: AAHC Meeting December 9, 2022

Meeting Adjourned: 11:30 am

AAHC Motion: Ken Diskin motioned to adjourn the AAHC meeting, Ron seconded.
Motion passed 3-0-0