

Ayer Affordable Housing Trust Open Session Meeting Minutes: June 22, 2022

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, MGL Chapter 30A, Section 18 and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Ayer Affordable Housing Committee and Trust is being conducted by remote participation. Every effort has been made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided in the Order. Broadcast and recorded by APAC.

Geof Tillotson, AAHT, presiding. Meeting called to order at 6:07pm

AAHT Trustees present: Patricia Bagni-Latimer, Colleen Krieser, Cyndi Lavin (Clerk), Geof Tillotson, Shaun Copeland (entered 6:44pm)

AAHT Members absent: Jake Driscoll (Chair), James Stephen (Vice-Chair)

Also present: Alicia Hersey – AAHC + AAHT Administrator; Cindy Knox – IT Director for Ayer;

Agenda Items: General Business

Review and approval of agenda: no changes made

Motion: A motion was made by Cyndi Lavin and seconded by Colleen Krieser to approve the meeting agenda as posted. **Motion passed by roll call vote 4-0-0**

Review and approval of minutes: no changes made

Motion: A motion was made by Patricia Bagni-Latimer and seconded by Colleen Krieser to accept the minutes. **Motion passed by roll call vote 4-0-0**

Agenda Item: Public Comment + Questions

None

Agenda Item: Election of Officers

Jake Driscoll will be deployed for about a year. He would like to have a place on the Board when he returns. Geof Tillotson said he will be continuing as the Planning Board member. Cyndi Lavin offered to stay on as Clerk. Geof offered to be the temporary chair. The rest of the elections will be tabled until the next meeting when more members are present.

Motion: A motion was made by Cyndi Lavin and seconded by Colleen Krieser to make Geof Tillotson the temporary chair. **Motion passed by roll call vote 3-0-1, Geof abstaining.**

Agenda Item: Ayer Rental Assistance Program (ARAP)

Alicia Hersey reported that there is another new applicant, and she is just waiting on a little more paperwork. Another application has been picked up, but has not been submitted yet. She feels the program is going well. Colleen Krieser suggested updating the procedures over the next few months and beginning a push in the fall for a January 1, 2023 start of a new round. Pat Bagni-Latimer suggested sending postcards to all landlords and tenants in Town.

Agenda Item: Presentation on Ayer Commons

The Board read a letter to the State Department of Housing and Community Development, in support of NOAH, and asking for a waiver on the appraisal. Similar letters will be signed by the Select Board, other interested committees, and businesses and civic organizations that support the building of a new

Affordable Housing development by NOAH.

6:44pm Shaun Copeland entered the meeting


Agenda Item: Old Business

Geof and Alicia both checked during the course of the meeting, and Assistant Town Manager Carly Antonellis said that the Board can hold an open spot for Jake until he returns.

Next meeting: July 13 at 4:00pm

Adjournment:

Motion: A motion was made by Pat Bagni-Latimer and seconded by Shaun Copeland to adjourn at 6:57pm. **Motion passed by roll call vote 5-0-0**



Geof Tillotson - ChairDate:



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