

Kingston Affordable Housing Trust

Minutes of in-person/online meeting May 4, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:02 PM.

Trustees in attendance: Jean Landis Naumann, Jennifer Alukonis, Nathan Hedberg (Zoom)

The minutes of April 6, 2023 were approved (3-0)

Jean shared the email response from Donna Rodriguez regarding the video project. Jean will follow up with her.

Jean reported that she received and responded to a follow up inquiry from a member of the Tufts affordable housing trust study group.

Nathan reported that Plymouth does not offer a rental assistance program using CPC funds.

Jean reported that the new CPC funding for the AHT was approved at the Annual Town Meeting as well as the bylaw change to allow changes in the Declaration of Trust to be approved by the BOS rather than Town Meeting. Unfortunately, this bylaw change will not be effective until Attorney General review is completed, possibly in late summer. Jean will monitor this approval.

Jean shared information provided by Paul Armstrong that zoning change proposals will be on the fall Special Town Meeting. He also reported that House bill H1296 and Senate bill S904 would allow accessory dwelling units state-wide (with some restrictions). Jean will contact Senator Moran and Representative LaNatra to ask for their support of these bills.

The trustees discussed the draft changes to the AHT brochure and asked Jean to obtain an estimate from Barrett Consulting on the cost to update statistics in the brochure and evaluate what statistics are relevant.

Jean relayed Jess Kramer's message that she will ask to be appointed to the AHT and is willing to serve on the CPC committee as the AHT representative.

Jen offered to attend the May 9 meeting of the Kingston Housing Authority regarding the appointment of a representative to the CPC.

The trustees discussed the possible use of certain tax title properties for affordable housing. Jean will ascertain their current status.

A motion to adjourn was approved at 6:04 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled June 1 at 5:00 PM as a hybrid, offering in-person as well as remote participation.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann