



# Town of Ashland

M A S S A C H U S E T T S

## Affordable Housing Trust Fund

101 Main Street

Ashland, MA 01721

## MINUTES

**February 6, 2020 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**In attendance: Joe Magnani, Dan Shea, Deb Griffin, David Rosenblum, Candice Doherty, Emma Snellings, Beth Reynolds, Steve Greenberg**

**Meeting opened at 4:05 pm.**

**1. Inclusionary Zoning Discussion with Assistant Town Planner Emma Snellings**

Planning Department has reached out to MAPC for a Technical Assistance Program proposal for an updated Housing Production Plan and assistance with drafting an Inclusionary Zoning bylaw. A grant is possible along with financial commitment from the Trust. David R made a motion to fund this project up to \$30,000 for both components seconded by Joe M. Approved 5-0. Trust invited Housing Authority Director Candice Doherty to work with the Trust on this project.

**2. Rental Assistance feedback – Deb G and Steve G reported on the meeting with the director of Cirrus Apartments along with Jennifer Wueling as to potential affordable tenants needing rental assistance. SMOC helps if necessary, with a Letter of Credit and support from the Trust is a possibility. Trust members will continue to meet with other affordable rental developments to see what the needs are for assistance.**

- 3. Recap meeting at Community Center – Deb G & Steve G met with staff at the senior center to discuss 40B development and its impact on the town.**
- 4. Website updates – Deb G presented to the Trust some updates to the Trust’s online presence on the town’s website. Joe M to discuss these updates with town IT department.**
- 5. Main Street/Cherry Street update – Nothing new to report**
- 6. Corner Spot Lease – New lease presented to the Trust by Economic Director Beth Reynolds for approval. Change to the lease was a tenant at will agreement as compared to previous 12-month terms. Motion to approve the new lease by Joe M seconded by David R. Approved 5-0 to approve.**
- 7. Carl Ghilani update - DHCD Legal sent a settlement agreement to Bank of America counsel. Waiting on response.**
- 8. 12 Pond Street status – Discussion lead to having Steve G email town counsel as to next steps.**
- 9. Approve Minutes – Tabled until next meeting**
- 10. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for March 19, 2020 at 4 pm.**
- 11. Motion to adjourn at 5:35 pm by Deb G and seconded by David R voted 5-0 to approve.**