

Wareham Affordable Housing Trust Committee Minutes

August 9, 2022

The Wareham Affordable Housing Trust Committee held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance included Carl Schulz, Chair, Sandy Slavin and Missy Dziczek. Judith Whiteside and Heidi Churchill were absent. A quorum being present, Mr. Schulz called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Mrs. Slavin moved to name Missy Dziczek Clerk pro temp. Seconded by Mr. Schulz. All in favor.

Mrs. Slavin noted that the Affordable Housing Trust needs four members present to take votes, but could hold the meeting for discussion purposes with three members present.

Laura Shufelt from Mass Housing Partnership, a quasi-state agency, was present to describe how her agency could help the Affordable Housing Trust. Mass Housing Partnership works with communities to create innovative policy and financial solutions that provide affordable housing. They work with banks to fund affordable rental properties. They help first time homebuyers with low cost mortgages. They can provide technical assistance to Wareham. Ms. Shufelt will send the Trust examples of other town's Applications for Funding from their Affordable Housing Trusts.

Discussion and a hand-out on American Relief Plan funds were discussed. We need to ask Selectmen how to access these funds.

Heidi Churchill has submitted the Annual Report to the Selectmen's Office.

Discussion was held on storing records. The Trust needs to establish a policy for this.

Discussion was held on how the Trust can get money. Suggestions were working with the Zoning Board of Appeals on special applications, special legislation, submit to CPA for funding and cell phone tower rentals, as a few examples other towns have used.

We need to develop a Rental Assistance Application. Laura will send examples of these, along with the examples of Applications for Funding. Discussion on who will administer grants and assistance programs. Mrs. Slavin will reach out to the Plymouth Redevelopment Authority about administering grant applications and the rental assistance program.

We reviewed the Grant Application for use of Affordable Housing Trust funds. Will use a separate form for Rental Assistance.

Representatives from Royal Crest were happy to inform us that the park is now tenant owned! As plans move forward we will discuss if the Trust can assist with rent payments in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Dziczek, Clerk Pro Temp

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Place: Room 27

54 Marion Road

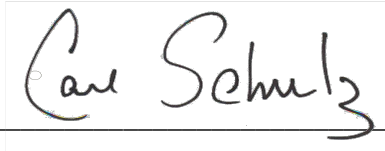
Wareham, MA 02571

Date Signed

By Carl Schulz, Oct 4, 2022 at 12:13

Date signed: _____

Attest: _____

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Chair Wareham Affordable Housing Trust

Date Submitted

By Carl Schulz, Oct 4, 2022 at 12:13

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: _____