

Town of Yarmouth
Affordable Housing Trust
MINUTES
February 15, 2022

The February 15, 2022 meeting of the Affordable Housing Trust was held in a hybrid model, both in person in Hearing Room of Town Hall 1146 Route 28, South Yarmouth, MA and via the virtual conference platform Zoom. The public was able to attend the meeting in person or via the Zoom virtual conference platform. Committee members were allowed to participate through remote participation/virtually pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, signed into law on June 16, 2021.

At 4:05 PM, seeing quorum, Chairman Robert L. Whritenour., Jr. opened the meeting.

Members present: Robert L. Whritenour, Jr., Robert C. Lawton, Jr., Brad Goodwin.
Staff Present: Mary Waygan

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TRUST BUSINESS

Minutes: None

Correspondence: The Trust received a copy of the Cape Cod New Homeowners Survey – 2021 by the UMass Amherst Donovan Institute December 2021 (updated February 2022).

NEW BUSINESS

58 Mattachee – Town Owned Land: Staff reported that Habitat for Humanity on Cape Cod does not have interest in this lot of land. Staff will reach out to Cape and Islands Veteran Outreach Center to gauge their interest in the parcel for the development of veteran housing.

OLD BUSINESS

Housing Production Plan (HPP) Update: Staff reported that the Town successfully held two Housing Summits. The first was on Jan 11, 2022 and was held in-person at the Senior Center; 35 people attended. The second session was an all-virtual event held on February 3, 2022 with 31 people participating. The comments received at the summits are being reviewed by the Town's housing consultant Karen Sunnarborg for inclusion in the Town's update to its HPP, and also as a base for the questions in the upcoming community survey. Staff will commence a study of Town-owned land for inclusion in the HPP as possible sites for affordable housing development.

Veteran Housing Update: Staff is continuing to meet with local veteran groups to develop a plan to bring veteran housing online in Yarmouth.

Yarmouth Gardens Development at 497 Route 28, West Yarmouth: Legal documents are being drafted and reviewed related to the Increase in Award from the Town of Yarmouth to Commonwealth Community Developers for the construction of the affordable housing development at Yarmouth Gardens, 497 Route 28, West Yarmouth.

Ready Renter Program Update: Staff reported that the lottery plan for the Ready Renter Program is being revised. Staff has met with participating towns, developers and the state to update the plan, which will most likely include a purging of the current list and a new lottery.

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Next Meetings:

The next Regular Meeting of the Trust will be held Monday April 11, 2022 at 3:30 PM

Adjournment: On a motion by Brad Goodwin, seconded by Robert C. Lawton, Jr., the Trust adjourn by roll call vote:

Robert L. Whritenour, Jr.: YES

Robert C. Lawton, Jr.: YES

Brad Goodwin: YES

Exhibits:

1. Cape Cod New Homeowners Survey – 2021 by the UMass Amherst Donovan Institute December 2021 (updated February 2022).

Minutes Approved May 24, 2022