

TOWN OF STOW
STOW MUNICIPAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST (SMAHT)

Minutes of the January 10, 2013 SMAHT meeting.

SMAHT members: Mike Kopczynski, Cynthia Perkins, Trish Settles, Laura Spear (arrived late), Jim Salvie (left early); Housing Specialist: Leonardi Array

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

1. Meeting Schedule

February 6

February 20

2. Minutes Review, vote to approve

Trish moved to accept the minutes of November 28, 2012 meeting; seconded by Jim. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Bills and Payments

Process for receiving approved money from CPC to pay the Housing Specialist quarterly was discussed; next step will be to check with CPC as to how they would prefer to pay SMAHT. It was moved to ask the Treasurer to pay current invoice of \$913 (Trish); seconded (Jim); unanimously approved.

4. Trustee Reports

A. Mike reported that a letter stating that the Woodheads intend to sell their property on Boxborough Road with an asking price of \$410K. Conservation Commission and CPC are reviewing the issues relating to the property if it comes out of Chapter 61. A portion could be considered for affordable housing site; currently being checked for containments. Jim moved; Tricia seconded, to authorize Mike to write a letter to Pat Perry expressing interest in the parcel and in participating in the chapter 61 process; unanimously approved.

B. Grant Application was received and forwarded to SMAHT members from NOAH and will be discussed at the next meeting. Mike encouraged reading the proposal, especially the components they're proposing. To be discussed at the next meeting.

C. Laura revised the presentation made by SMAHT to the Selectmen, to include their questions and comments and now has this powerpoint presentations ready for future meetings.

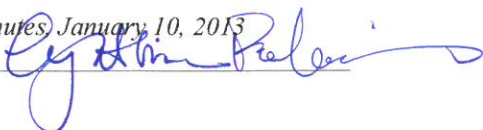
D. The informal Affordable Housing Network Roundtable that Laura has been attending will meet Thursday Jan 24, 8:30 in Lexington.

E. Discussed *How to organize the lottery process for affordable housing* – Hudson Housing Authority.

F. State announced a proposal to merge its 240 Housing Authorities into 7 regional authorities.

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G. Brian Ahern, developer contacted SMAHT re: building an affordable unit under the LIP program on a nonconforming lot that he owns.

5. Regional Housing Services Update

Beth Rust is contacting towns to determine interest in expanding the existing regional consortium, the purpose of which would be To help get the new units implement new programs that would help with outreach to public and the affordable housing community, also developers.

6. UMass Studio Project

Students from UMass Amherst are doing a Visioning Exercise under Prof. John Mullin and have proposed to the Planning Board to do a study of the Gleasondale Mill area. The \$7500 cost would, which the Planning Board would cover. The dates would be Jan 22 – May 15. Hopefully there would be a housing component within the mixed-use criteria. This fits well with the Masterplan. Mike to invite Karen Kelleher to the next meeting to discuss.

7. Housing Specialist Report: Leonardi Array

Discussion with maps and visuals of 323 and 410 Great Road – i.e., the Parsonage Property owned by First Parish and the site of the former home owned by Malcolm Fitzpatrick, which is for sale.

Laura Spear recused herself from this discussion.

Leonardi has met with Greg Jones, Jesse, and Karen K regarding site information that could be applicable to developing this site. Leonardi will explore options for development of affordable units more fully.

8. Adjourn

Mike gave inspiring and visionary comments about the mission of SMAHT, encouraging patience and persistence with the view of making a difference to those seeking affordable housing in our Stow community, now and for future generations.

Trish moved to adjourn; Laura seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The SMAHT meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Perkins
SMAHT member

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