

AUGUST 14, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

SWAMPSCOTT AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

Scheduled Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Swampscott Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room, 22 Monument Avenue

Members Present: K. Martin-Epstein, J. Honig, M. McDermott, I. Vogel

Members Absent: Donald Hause, K. Saccoccio

Guests: Charles Patsios; Manisha Bewtra, Senior Program Manager, Mass Housing Partnership.

Opening Meeting

- The meeting was called to order by the Chair, K. Martin-Epstein at 6:38 pm.

AGENDA ITEMS

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion by M. McDermott to approve minutes from the July meeting, seconded by K. Martin-Epstein.

Blaney Street Development Proposal

- Introduction of Charles “Charlie” Patsios, a Swampscott developer, who is in the process of obtaining a ground lease on the former “Bishops House” of the St. John the Evangelist Church, located at 56 Blaney St. in Swampscott. Mr. Patsios expressed his desire and actions to acquire the property from the Archdiocese and convert it to approximately 12 affordable senior housing units.
- Discussion of the potential development as an asset to the Town’s affordable housing stock.
- Mr. Patsios requested a letter of support from the AHTF to the Archdiocese.
- Motion to approve drafting of such a letter by the Chair, by M. McDermott, seconded by I. Vogel. Approved.

Inclusionary By-Law Revision

- Introduction of Manisha Bewtra, Senior Program Manager, Mass Housing Partnership (MHP). Ms. Bewtra has been asked by MHP to assist the AHTF in its review of Inclusionary By-Law statutes from comparable municipalities in order to future redine its goals and procedures.

- Ms. Bewtra presented detailed packages for the Trust's members to review and comment on. Discussion of various methods used to calculate "fee in lieu" of the direct provision affordable units by developers.
- Motion by K. Martin-Epstein to identify "best options" at the next meeting on September 27th with a view toward presentation at the Spring Town Meeting. Seconded by M. McDermott. Approved.
- K. Martin-Epstein agreed to contact Town Moderator as to procedure.

Closing Meeting

- Motion to Adjourn
By I. Vogel. Seconded by M. McDermott. Approved at 8:29.

Respectfully Submitted

by Joan B. Honig

Secretary Pro Tem