

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

Kimberly Martin-Epstein, Chair Joan Honig Eleanor Zambrano Aaron Berdofe Douglas Thompson

ELIHU THOMSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 22 MONUMENT AVENUE, SWAMPSCOTT, MA 01907

Meeting Minutes September 14, 2023

Scheduled Time: 6:30 pm **Location:** Virtual via Teams

Present:

Kimberly Martin-Epstein, Doug Thompson, Eleanor Zambrano, Joan Honig, Aaron Berdofe.

Other: Marzie Galazka (Swampscott Economic Development); Mary Ellen Fletcher (Select Board); Jonathan Leaman; Justine Oliver; John Picariello; unidentified "Toni"

- 1. The Trust discussed the ZBA meeting on September 12, 2023 at which the Pitman house zoning request was discussed. Decision was postponed until its regular meeting on September 19, 2023.
- 2. The Trust reviewed a draft project pro forma presented by Doug Thompson
- 3. Discussion of a commitment of funds for the Pitman House move and follow on development in view of upcoming request regarding Pine Street project.
- 4. A Motion was presented to approve the commitment of \$300,000 in Trust funds as shown on the proforma. Discussion of the motion followed. Voted 3-2 in favor of Motion.
- 5. The Trust entertained questions and comments from Justina Oliver and Jonathan Leamon from the Swampscott Historical Commission
- 6. Further discussion of the potential acquisition structure related to the Pitman House and Hillside Ave acquisition.
- 7. Discussion of affordability requirements, and refresher discussion related to the process of including units in the state's Subsidized Housing Inventory count.
- 8. Discussion of criteria for evaluating projects in the future. This is an ongoing project and discussion for the Trust. Marzie assisted with a confirmation of the powers of the AHTF set forth in the enabling bylaws.
- 9. Discussion of the status of the Pine Street RFP timing and the frustration of the AHTF with lack of collaboration and inclusion in the Select Board process.
- 10. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm on motion and unanimous vote.