

SOUTHBOROUGH AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND COMMITTEE

July 19, 2024

VIRTUAL MEETING

Open Session Meeting Minutes Submitted by S. Stivers

Present: Al Hamilton, Chair; Kathy Cook, Sam Stivers, Doriann Jasinski, Andrew Dennington, Marguerite Landry

Absent: Bill Boland

Mr. Hamilton called the meeting to order at 2:03PM

Mr. Hamilton announced that the first order of business is to appoint two AHTFC members to be members of a new ad hoc working group to consider the merger of the Southborough Housing Opportunity Partnership Committee and the AHTFC. Mr. Stivers moved that Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Dennington be these two AHTFC participants in this new ad hoc working group. Ms. Landry seconded the motion. Roll call vote is 6-0 for approval (Hamilton-aye; Cook-aye; Stivers-aye; Jasinski-aye; Landry-aye; Dennington-aye)

Mr. Hamilton announced that the next order of business is to approve AHTFC meeting minutes for meetings on June 4, 2024, June 14, 2024 and July 3, 2024. There was discussion about whether these meeting minutes had been distributed to all AHTFC members and if the meeting dates are correct. Mr. Hamilton will review the meeting minutes for June 4, 2024 and June 14, 2024 and re-distribute them to the AHTFC members for consideration at the next AHTFC meeting, and he will submit a "draft" version of these minutes to the Town Clerk for posting. Mr. Hamilton moved to approve the minutes for the July 3, 2024 meeting. Mr. Stivers seconded the motion. Roll call vote is 6-0 for approval (Hamilton-aye; Cook-aye; Stivers-aye; Jasinski-aye; Landry-aye; Dennington-aye)

Mr. Hamilton announced that the next order of business is to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Mass General Law (Chapter 30A Section 21), and not return to open session, for the purposes of:

- Review and approve Executive Session meeting minutes for June 4, 2024 and July 3, 2024;
- Consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, and the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body; and
- Discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body, and the chair so declares.

Ms. Jasinski expressed objection to the stated reasons for entering Executive Session. She commented that there is "no collective bargaining or litigation" that would justify entering Executive Session. Mr. Hamilton responded that he had reviewed this point with Town Counsel, who confirmed that the reasons stated for entering Executive Session are valid.

Mr. Stivers moved that the AHTFC enter Executive Session, and not return to open session, as proposed by Mr. Hamilton. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. Roll call vote is 6-0 for approval (Hamilton-aye; Cook-aye; Stivers-aye; Jasinski-aye; Landry-aye; Dennington-aye)

The AHTFC ended the open session meeting and entered Executive Session at 2:11PM.

Documents Referenced During the Meeting:

- AHTFC meeting minutes for 6/4/24, 6/14/24 and 7/3/24