

Minutes of Manchester Affordable Housing Trust

APPROVED

Date: April 21, 2021
Time: 4:30 PM
Location: Virtual Meeting through Zoom as posted
Present: Muffin Driscoll, John Feuerbach, Nancy Hammond, Sarah Mellish, Chris Olney, Joan McDonald, Technical Support Staff: Sue Brown
Absent: Peggy Hegarty-Steck

I. Call to Order

John called the MAHT Meeting to order at 4:45

II. Administrative

- a. **Approval of Minutes (March 23 and March 30, 2021)** - Minutes were approved as presented.
- b. **Technical Assistance Hours and Tasks** – Sue reported that hours averaged around three a week, primarily for meetings and coordination and communication regarding MAHT/MHA Study and Powder House Lane Project
- c. **Treasurers Report** – Joan reported that the only changes to the account were a \$50,000 check to Action Inc as voted at the March 23 meeting, and a \$1,925 check to Peregrine Urban Initiative (Bev Gallo)

Joan also reported that around \$383,000 earmarked for the PowderHouse Lane Project have been collected via 80+ checks from \$5 to \$100,000. She is keeping a spreadsheet of deposits and will create an invoice to transfer funds out when Mickey requests them for the closing – anticipated to be between May 3rd and 19th. Joan is coordinating with the Town Treasurer to assure a proper accounting.

The MOU outline agreements between the Trust and NSCDC has not been received, but Mickey expects to receive it from his Counsel soon.
- d. **Update on Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program** – Peggy was not in attendance to provide an update. John will follow up to request an update for MAHT records.

III. Update and discussion of MHA/MAHT Study Outreach and Next Steps

Bev is working on completing the Report. Trustees discussed the need for the report to identify the potential opportunity for the project to move forward with and without the current DPW site. Sue will reach out to Bev to request she run a scenario that shows a project funded with LITC and DHCD funding.

John, Chris and Nancy agreed to meet with MHA residents on April 28th at 3:00 at Crowell Chapel to have an informal discussion about the project and answer questions residents might have. They will work together and with Irene to create and circulate an invitation and a handout of basic information. Nancy will schedule bussing via the COA van and will provide refreshments.

The Trust will discuss a presentation to the Planning Board and a community workshop at its next meeting.

Trustees agreed that it is important to understand the Town's position on the DPW site including a potential timeline for any change in use. It will take a Town Meeting vote to lease or otherwise change ownership of or interest in the site.

IV. Discussion of Planning Efforts as may be Relevant

The Town has received notice from MassHousing that SLV has submitted a request for a Project Eligibility Letter for the Sanctuary. Sue has passed the application on to the Trustees. Trustees will review and discuss at the next meeting. The BOS will solicit comments from Departments, Boards and Committees regarding the appropriateness of the project and location to provide a Town response to MassHousing.

V. Other matters, as may not have been reasonably anticipated by the Chair (Discussion only)

None

VI. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 4:30 PM

Meeting notes recorded and submitted by Sue Brown

Meeting notes approved at MAHT meeting on May 19, 2021