

Date: July 27, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting through Zoom as posted

Present: Muffin Driscoll, John Feuerbach, Joan McDonald, Sarah Mellish, Chris Olney,  
Technical Support Staff: Sue Brown

Absent: Nancy Hammond, Peggy Hegarty-Steck,

Also Present: MHA Chair Gretchen Wood, MHA members John Kenney, Beth Heisey, Elaine Persons

## **I. Call to Order**

John called the MAHT Meeting to order at 6:02. Gretchen called the MHA meeting to order. John noted that the purpose of the joint meeting of MHA and MAHT was to discuss the June 29<sup>th</sup> Public Forum and next steps of the collaboration.

## **II. Discussion of Public Forum to present and discuss MHA/MAHT Study**

John invited members of the MHA and MAHT to share comments about the June 29 Forum and ideas regarding next steps. Members noted:

- Conditions of the meeting were challenging, though attendance was good.
- Additional meetings should be held.
- Consider notices to neighborhood residents – Sue will get abutters list from assessor's database.
- Consider a day meeting for residents. MHA Meeting Rooms are now open so a meeting could be held at both The Plains and Newport Park.
- Request help from “project champions” such as Erika Brown to promote the project.
- Consider reaching out to the citizen's group and emailing residents that contributed to the Powder House Lane Project.
- Should ask about general concerns of neighbors.
- Ask if the MAHT can submit a non-binding warrant article re: support for housing on the DPW site to make the MHA redevelopment possible.
- RFP for development partner must wait for indication of support for using DPW site.
- Need to continue discussions with DHCD. Check in with Bev on timing for this.
- John and Gretchen will work on dates and times for on-site resident meetings.
- Consider site visits of grounds – perhaps a Saturday morning.

Having completed the discussion and identifying next steps, Gretchen adjourned the MHA meeting.

### III. Administrative

- a. **Minutes:** Trustees approved Minutes of June 24 and 29, 2021 as submitted.
- b. **TA Hours and Tasks:** Sue noted Technical Assistance Hours averaged under 3 hours a week and tasks were primarily related to the workshop.
- c. **Treasurers Report:** Joan reported an account balance of \$602,696.21, a check was cut for KPLaw for \$5,216 for assistance related to Powder House Lane Project
  - i. **Annual Invoice for Technical Assistance:** Invoice for TA from Sue Brown for FY 2021 of \$6,786.25 was approved for payment.
- d. **Update on Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program:** Trustees discussed the Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program Update as submitted in advance by Action, Inc. There is concern regarding possible evictions and on-going needs that may exceed the program's cap. Peggy had also relayed that there may be a need by those not directly impacted by Covid and asked if the Trust might consider a change in the criteria. Sue will let Peggy know that if the project needs an increase in the cap that she can ask for an emergency meeting. Trustees requested a full discussion of program needs and an evaluation of program criteria at the next meeting.

### IV. Fiscal Year 2022 Town and MAHT MOU for technical assistance by Town Planner

Muffin moved, and Sarah seconded a motion to approve the FY 2022 Town and MAHT MOU as submitted and allow John to sign on behalf of the Trust. John will sign and drop off at the BOS office.

### V. Discussion of Planning Efforts as may be relevant

The MAHT should meet with the PB to discuss the MHA and MAHT Feasibility Report. Chris will check on best date.

The Trust should create a calendar of next steps for Study.

### VI. Other matters, as may not have been reasonably anticipated by the Chair (Discussion only) N/A

### VII. Next Meeting Date and Adjourn: Next meeting scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05

Meeting minutes submitted by Sue Brown

Meeting minutes approved at MAHT meeting of August 26, 2021