

Minutes of Manchester Affordable Housing Trust Joint with the Manchester Housing Authority

APPROVED

Date: June 21, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting through Zoom as posted

Present: MAHT: Muffin Driscoll, John Feuerbach, Peggy Hegarty-Steck, Joan McDonald, Chris Olney, Sarah Mellish, Gretchen Wood, Technical Support Staff: Sue Brown

MHA: Elaine Persons, Gretchen Wood, Beth Heisey

Absent: MHA: Craige McCoy, Catherine Erickson

I. Call to Order

John called the MAHT meeting to order at 6:34.

Elaine called the MHA meeting to order at 6:35

II. Update on MHA and MAHT RFP

John provided an overview of the changes to the RFP recommended by Town Counsel, noting that the principal question she raised is the inclusion of the Pleasant Street, DPW site. It was also noted that the language around the sale or lease of the land should be changed as there is no intent to sell any properties.

Following a discussion on the intent of the project and the RFP, the MAHT and MHA agreed that John should work with Counsel to resolve any comments and bring a revised and final RFP back for a vote.

III. Update on Potential Land Taking for Affordable Housing

Sue reported that the Halloran Family Trust had received an offer from neighborhood residents and since the Trust has the fiduciary responsibility to dispose of the property to the advantage of the Trustees, they sold the property to the neighbors. The Town will therefor not move forward with the taking. Trustees expressed disappointment and regret that the land wouldn't be available to assist with the redevelopment of the Loading Place Road property.

The MHA adjourned its meeting at 6:53 PM

IV. Administrative

- a. Approval of Minutes (May 5, 2022, May 12, 2022)
Trustees unanimously approved Minutes of May 5 and May 12, 2022 as submitted.
- b. Technical Assistance Hours and Tasks

TA hours averaged 2.4 hours a week, principally for correspondence re: possible Land Taking and RFP

c. Treasurers Report

There have been no deposits or withdrawals since the last meeting.

d. Update on Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program

The program has been quiet with little or no change this past month. The program is scheduled to end in September.

V. Review of Town-owned Land

Trustees discussed the list of town owned land which has not changed significantly since the Trust's initial review of it in 2018. There are several small in town parcels that are not under the control of parks or conservation but serve neighborhood purposes including parking (to access trails in Powder house Hill Reservation), a small park and a small open space with a Firefighter's Memorial Plaque. There may be a parcel of potential interest off Jersey Lane that Sue will check out further.

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

Sue provided a brief update on Powder House Lane noting that she had prepared an application to DHCD to see if the units could be eligible for inclusion on the Subsidized Housing Inventory. She is waiting for information from North Shore CDC to complete the application. There are still several legal documents outstanding including the Affordable Housing Agreement with the MAHT.

VII. Next Meeting Date and Adjourn

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, July 21st at 6:30 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by Sue Brown

Meeting minutes approved at MAHT meeting of July 21, 2022