## TOWN OF FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

# March 8, 2022 10:00 AM Meeting Held via ZOOM

### **Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Chris E. Vericker, Maxine Kinhart, Susan Younis, Mary Ann Bertone,

Christopher Feeley

Members Not in Attendance: Judith Pfeffer, Jamie Hellen

Others Present: Bryan Taberner, Director of Community Planning and Development

As stated on the agenda, due to the ongoing concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust will conduct a Remote/Virtual Meeting. In an effort to ensure citizen engagement and comply with open meeting law regulations, citizens will be able to dial into the meeting using the provided phone number, or citizens can participate by using the Zoom link also provided on the agenda.

Chair Vericker called the above-captioned Remote/Virtual Meeting to order this date at 10:00 AM.

#### 1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes: December 14, 2021

Motion to approve the December 14, 2021, meeting minutes by Feeley. Second by Bertone.

No discussion. Unanimous Vote: 5-0-0.

#### 2. Franklin For All – Bryan Taberner

Mr. Taberner stated that this is an exciting project going on in Franklin. The Town has received some grants and is working with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to put this together. He stated that Franklin for All is looking at zoning in downtown and the surrounding areas to bring a more vibrant downtown, bring in affordable housing, and more businesses. We want to bring more people to the downtown area, and with the train station there, bring in commuters. He stated that much public outreach will be done to provide information to the community about this program. He stated that a public forum was held on Monday, March 7 at 7 PM at the Franklin High School auditorium and on Zoom. The forum was well attended by residents, business owners and Town officials. He noted that a website has been developed as well as a pamphlet for this project. He stated that participation from the public is encouraged. A link to the website (www.mapc.org/franklin-for-all) is on the Planning Board webpage. Mr. Taberner noted that information is being put on social media and Franklin TV.

#### 3. Housing Update – Maxine Kinhart

Ms. Kinhart updated the members.

**5 Mark's Way:** Fannie Mae now owns this home. They have cleaned and updated the interior. They are currently waiting for the deed from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The house will remain on the Town's Subsidized Housing Inventory.

144 Grey Wolf Drive: This is still in limbo. The daughter has to decide what she wants to do. DHCD has attempted to contact her to no avail. There is a Mass Health lien on the property. There may be no equity in the unit as the owner was in a nursing home for multiple years. It is not likely that they will take the unit, but get their money upon sale. 70 Brandywine Road: This has been in foreclosure since 2012. Last update was the homeowner attempting to negotiate a payment agreement to save the home. 38 Stonehedge: No update for this property. Still in foreclosure.

Motion to adjourn by Kinhart. Second by Bertone. No discussion. Unanimous Vote: 5-0-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Minutes prepared by: Maxine Kinhart