

Municipal Affordable Housing Trust

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023

- 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes. Motion** by Kinhart to approve minutes of November 8, 2022. **Second** by Feeley. **Roll Call Vote** – Maxine – Yes, MaryAnn – Yes, Susan – Yes, Jamie – Yes, Chris Feeley – Yes, Chris Vericker – Yes. **Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0**

- 2. 2023 Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Goals -**

General discussion on what the Housing Trust can do to address the housing needs of people who are falling through the cracks and what can the Trust do to support issues such as transitional housing or emergency housing or housing from shelter to permanent. Chris Vericker wants to host a meeting on this subject. He would like to get all the entities in town that deal with this together. Jamie suggested that the Senior Center and the Fire Department deal with this issue. It was suggested that we ask Attorney Cerel to come to a meeting to go over, generally, what the Trust can and cannot do.

Maxine noted that Old Colony Habitat for Humanity is interested in converting the South Franklin Congregational Meeting House at 762 Washington Street to housing. She stated that the Trust might be interested in getting involved with that project as Habitat looks for assistance from the community in the form of donors, volunteers, and sweat equity. This project is in its very beginning stages.

Chris Feeley mentioned that the Housing Authority has recently come to own a home from Metacomet Land Trust that has been empty for years and requires a lot of work. He wanted to know if the Trust would be willing to contribute \$50,000 towards that project.

- 3. Future Agenda Items**

MaryAnn would like to have an executive session. There was discussion that you can only go into executive session for specific reasons and those reasons have to be disclosed in the meeting Agenda. MaryAnn stated the reason would be to discuss a vacant property.

Motion to Adjourn by Susan, **Seconded** by Chris Feeley. **Roll Call Vote** – Maxine – Yes, MaryAnn – Yes, Susan – Yes, Jamie – Yes, Chris Feeley – Yes, Chris Vericker – Yes. **Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Maxine Kinhart