

Stoneham Municipal Affordable Housing Trust (SMAHT)

Meeting Minutes

10/25/2022 6:00pm

Present: Ayman Doughman, Raymie Parker, Greta Garniss, Paulette Gerry, Jonathan Lane (remote), Mary-Shannon Thomas, Elizabeth Cleavland, Erin Wortman

Next meeting: 11/29/2022, 6:30pm, Remote Meeting Via GoTo meeting platform

1. Agenda was made public via Town of Stoneham website

First public meeting of the newly formed trust. Meeting was open by roll call, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Town Clerk, Maria Sagarino had everyone sworn in. Introductions and icebreaker to get started.

2. Discussion

The members reviewed the trust powers. Chapter 25 of the Town of Stoneham Code. This is an independent group that should be complimentary to the Town of Stoneham.

Until there is funds established, the group should focus on policy and public education about the trust. Town Treasurer, Paulette Gerry is custodian of the trust. We still must adhere to financial obligations of the town.

What are the goals, training and action items of the group?

Should we ask for starting capital from the town of Stoneham: ARPA? Members should look at Housing Production Plan. This group would handle a housing lottery. Partner with local banks, for first time homebuyer programs, educational opportunities for the public. Ms. Garniss distributed some paperwork for reading on the city of Newton, and a guide book from the Mass Housing partnership. Possibility of a market study to have different levels of affordability: 80% - 100% AMI. Talk about the difference between affordable housing, and low income housing. Possibility of taking a tour of some properties that inclusive of affordable housing.

Establish some trainings and partnerships with Mass Housing Partnership. Erin Wortman to help facilitate the needs of the trust members.

Talked about meeting calendar and bi-monthly meetings.

The members voted:

Mary Shannon nominated Raymie Parker for Secretary; Unanimous vote

Raymie Parker nominated Greta Garniss as chair: Unanimous vote

Raymie Parker nominated Ayman Doughman as vice chair: unanimous vote.

Greta Garniss, Chair

Ayman Doughman, Vice Chair

Raymie Parker, Secretary

Meeting ended at 7:05 pm

3. Action Items

Raymie will distribute resumes to all.

Links to HPP

Think about goals for next meeting

Minutes submitted by:

Raymie Parker, Secretary