

# Stoneham Municipal Affordable Housing Trust (SMAHT)

## Meeting Minutes

05/09/23 6:30pm

Present: Raymie Parker, Paulette Gerry, Jonathan Lane, Mary-Shannon Thomas, Elizabeth Cleveland, Erin Wortman (non-voting)

Next meeting: 08/08/23

### 1. Agenda was made public via Town of Stoneham website:

Meeting was opened with a roll call. Unanimous

2. **Approval of minutes:** Motion was made by Mary Shannon Thomas to approve the minutes of 03/28/2023, seconded by Elizabeth Cleveland. Roll call vote taken. Unanimous.

Ayman Doughman joined the meeting at 6:40PM

### 3. Next Meeting Date: June 13, 2023, and August 8, 2023

Discussion on deciding who would like to step up to chair role. Ayman Doughman (Vice) does not have the time to take on that role. At a subsequent meeting, we will reorganize.

4. **The one page document for the housing trust.** Elizabeth sent all a draft document to all. Discussion was that we all like the one page document, and believe it's ready to share on our website, and distribute to the community. She had another flyer that she took a picture of that may come into play down the road, and how to do more outreach. Erin Wortman suggested adding our website to the flyer. Erin will work on streamline the link to be more user friendly and understandable. People to send comments to Elizabeth if they have further comments. Discussion about how to we can accept money, vs. fundraising. Raymie to ask Counsel about that. Discussion about adding some data point on why the Trust was created. Next month's meeting we will vote on flyer.

5. **Discussion:** Members asked personal question about schedules, and ability to be on other town committees, sworn in. Raymie Parker to ask Counsel a few questions.

6. **Reading List: Mary Shannon.** Working on a list and links for our web page. We will start a resource tab on the SMAHT home page. Erin Wortman to see about managing the web page and add approved content. Jon Lane: How do we push that message out to the public? The group should think about who the allies are in town that could help promote the trust. Erin Wortman

says we can publicize when lists, and new housing projects start to come online, (95 Maple St) the Trust can share via the Town. Elizabeth Cleveland asked if we could brand ourselves. Raymie Parker will ask counsel. Most don't see an issue with this as long as we do not use the Town Seal.

7. **Local Preference discussion:** Erin Wortman: Discussion. 95 Maple Street hired SEB consulting (SEBhousing.com) to run their lottery for the affordable units. They asked the town to do a "local preference" (if you live or work in Stoneham) letter. It was in reference to the let the state (DHCD) know that basically we are confirming what will be put on the SHI (subsidized housing inventory) and what has been approved by the town of Stoneham. Lot of data with forty affordable units. Studio-3 Bedroom. Potential for SMART to be advocates with upcoming projects. Mountain View has extended their expiring units with DHCD. 192 apartments to stay affordable for another 30 years. Explanation of why a 40B vs. Inclusionary and how those units are counted. Erin Wortman to send some information to all.

**8. Misc. and non-deliberative announcements:**

Paulette Gerry talked about a program from Mass housing partnership (MHP) has a program for homeowners who are behind in a mortgage, taxes and water (3 months) has a new housing assistance grant program (HAF). It is a grant that homeowners will have to work with their towns on the paperwork, but can receive assistance up to \$50,000.00 dollars. This should be on our webpage.

9. **Adjournment:** Motion was made by Mary Shannon Thomas, seconded by Paulette Gerry, roll call vote: Unanimous. Meeting ended at 7:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Raymie Parker

Clerk, Stoneham Municipal Affordable Housing Trust