

MAHT Monthly Meeting Notes June 6, 2018

Meeting called to order 7:04pm

MAHT Attendees, Fran Nickerson, SBM Alice von Loesecke, W. Paul Chiou, Michael Barton

Public Attendees: Paul Greene, John Lee

Public Commentary:

Paul Greene commented on the MAHT's direction and/or long term planning strategy to meet the State's mandates for Affordable housing. Fran commented on the inability for town residents to meet or qualify for 'Affordable' limits. This was also confirmed by Alice. It was mentioned that a Low-Moderate strategy should be part of the town's remit also. Paul commented to stay committed to the MAHT's goals.

Paul commented on MAHT monies as \$46,360 available and around \$166,000 in various accounts with \$140,000 attributed to the Devens project.

John Lee commented on the CPC's invitation to the MAHT to attend a meeting in June. June 20th is the scheduled meeting for MAHT to learn about the CPC process and open lines of communication for a larger unified town wide housing strategy. John Lee also relayed how the CPC apportioning process works for new members benefits.

Minutes

Prior minutes were unavailable to be read.

MAGIC

The idea of joining MAGIC was proposed to the group. It appears MAGIC works not only in Housing issues but other regional town planning needs on a shared resource or collaborative basis. Harvard is not a member but we have been invited to join. The annual cost is estimated at \$4-\$5k which is substantial. The next meeting is scheduled for July 16th 10am in Boxborough and Michael Barton agreed to attend as MAHT representative.

MAHT Positions

It was brought up to discuss the MAHT's goals/strategy to meet mandate's or long term plans for Affordable housing in town. There are many intertwined issues with Affordable Housing in town and other town board input should or could be considered in the future goals of MAHT. The goals of MAHT cannot exist in a vacuum given limited resources or funds along with regional development economics. (MB/FR commentary) Given the length of time it takes for any one project to get off the ground, the limited amount of "Affordable" projects will make a small dent in the % of units towards our goal. The town's residents have a more pressing need of being able to stay in town and downsize to elderly

focused housing which does not exist in the housing stock at the moment. This appears to be a need just as desired to town residents as the state mandate "Affordable" goals.

Treasurers Report

The treasurer reported the Trust has a balance of \$164,924.17

Other Updates

None

Wrap Up

Open item to solidify the next meeting date for the July 2018 MAHT meeting, given the scheduled meeting is July 4th.

Other items for future agendas:

MB commented that the larger town wide strategy, as much as possible, should weigh directly on the goals of the MAHT to provide possible solutions for low-moderate housing needs.

Adjournment

AvL proposed to adjourn at 8:02pm. FN seconded. All voted to adjourn.