

**HINGHAM AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST  
HINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**Date:** February 12, 2020

**Location:** South Hearing Room, Hingham Town Hall

**Called to Order:** 7:07 pm

**Attendance:** Tim White, Chairman, Nancy Kerber, Anita Comerford, Kathleen Amonte, Al Chambers

**Approval of Minutes from Meeting of January 22, 2020:**

Voted – A motion was made by Al Chambers and seconded by Kathleen Amonte to approve the minutes from January 22, 2020. A vote was taken, and all were in favor; the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report/Approval of Invoice:** Anita went over the January report. It's early in the month so there is no income.

Tim spoke about the CPC funds and that he wishes they gave more money to affordable housing. Emily still stresses that Lincoln School should be removed from the report.

Voted – A motion was made by Kathleen Amonte and seconded by Anita Comerford to approve the January 2020 Treasurers Reports. A vote was taken and all were in favor; the motion passed.

**Housing Plan:** Nancy says they are working on the final corrections of the draft, but it is challenging. She has comments from everyone so now they need to get them all together. She is hopeful it will be done by the end of February.

**Whiting Street:** All attended the meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**499 Cushing Street:** Emily just updated the contract. Tim will look at it and execute.

**29-31 Rhodes Circle:** The contract with the State has been executed and is ready to go out to bid. The previous contractor does not want to work with the Town any more.

Tim mentions the possibility of renting the units rather than selling and the Housing Authority could manage the properties. Does the Trust get more benefit from renting or selling? He would like people to think about it. He recommends that Amy Farrell head up Rhodes Circle, all agree.

**Lincoln School Apartments Update:** Kathleen was unable to attend their last meeting. They are working with the Town on the RFP for the windows. Corcoran's management contract expires May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Central Street Habitat House:** the Selectmen voted on January 28<sup>th</sup> to execute their option to acquire the house. The current resident can stay in the house for three months. Emily has done an inspection and there will be work to do on the house.

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**CPC Application:** Tim spoke about it earlier. The Trust believes they need to be more aggressive asking for funds in the future.

**Chairman's Report:** Tim passed out a Cape Cod Times article regarding a home for adults with autism. Hopefully there is potential for the Trust to do that in the future. The Trust would like to invite SNAP to the next meeting to discuss it.

Tim spoke to James from the Housing Authority. James has ideas that would benefit Thaxter with the Trust's participation.

**Set Next Meeting:** March 18, 2020

**Adjournment:** Voted – a motion was made by Al Chambers and seconded by Nancy Kerber to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and all were in favor; the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:03.

Meeting Documents

1. Open Session Meeting Minutes dated January 22, 2020
2. January 2020 Treasurer's Report

Respectfully submitted by: Necia O'Neill

Approved: March 18, 2020

Released: March 18, 2020