

**COHASSET AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 3, 2021  
**TIME:** 8:30 AM  
**PLACE:** VIA ZOOM Webinar

**Trust Members Present:**

Steve Gaumer, Chairman  
Ted Carr, Vice Chairman  
David Fifer  
Rob Henry  
Cindy Matheison  
Tom Meade

**Trust Member Present:**

Diane Kennedy

**Others Present:**

Jennifer Oram, Assistant Director, PP & I, Recording Secretary  
Cindy Amara, Special Counsel

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The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Gaumer at 8:34am

**Roll Call Vote: Rob Henry – Aye, Ted Carr – Aye, Tom Meade – Aye, David Fifer – Aye, Cindy Matheison – Aye, Diane Kennedy – Aye and Steve Gaumer - Aye**

**Update on RFP for 808 Jerusalem Road**

Trust Member, Tom Meade, updated the Board on the RFP award. Procurement is now working on the purchase and sale. The closing, deed restrictions, the contribution from the Town and the waiver of fees will need to be worked out.

Chairman Gaumer asked Special Counsel Cindy Amara for guidance in this process. He stated the Trust is meeting again on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March and wondered if that is a reasonable timeline to be able to execute the purchase and sale on that date. Attorney Amara said that she does not see why that is not a reasonable timeframe, but she will need to communication with the buyer to see if they can execute it quickly.

**Annual Town Meeting**

**Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Funding**

There was a discussion regarding the CPC. Chairman Gaumer talked to the Chair of the CPC, Russ Bonetti, who encouraged the Trust to apply. Chair Gaumer asked that a letter be drafted to the CPC and an application be submitted to them for funding for the AHT.

Attorney Amara then reviewed the process of receiving funds from the CPC via Town Meeting and how the Trust could then use the funds.

**Other Possible Projects**

Chairman Gaumer stated that it was his belief that there is a property available along Summer Street that the CHI group is also looking at. He wants to make sure that they do not start competing with other entities trying to build affordable housing in Town. They need to go back to the Steering Committee and ask them to identify the best opportunities. We need to do so so we do not create our own competition. Member Meade asked that the look reframing of the Trust's strategic vision. Chairman Gaumer agreed and suggested that Mr. Meade draft something for the next meeting for adoption. They will place an agenda item on the next meeting for policy adoption.

**Annual Town Meeting**

Trust Member Meade gave a quick update on the AHT Bylaw. It has not yet been recommended by the Select Board but is being reviewed by Counsel. One member of the Select Board is not in favor of some of the proposed changes.

**Next Meeting Dates**

The next meeting dates of the Trust will be March 31, 2021 and April 14, 2021

**Special Counsel Update**

Attorney reminded the Trust that she always available for questions for each member. They can contact her directly.

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION BY MEMBER MEADE:  
SECONDED:**

**To Adjourn the meeting at 9:39AM  
Member Carr**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: David Fifer – Aye, Rob Henry - Aye, Cindy Matheison – Aye, Tom Meade – Aye, Ted Carr – Aye, & Steve Gaumer - Aye**

**MOTION CARRIES – 6-0**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:39AM**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Brennan Oram  
Assistant Director, Planning Permits & Inspections /  
Recording Secretary**