

COHASSET AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

DATE: Wednesday, June 9, 2021
TIME: 8:30 AM
PLACE: VIA ZOOM Webinar

Trust Members Present: Steve Gaumer, Chairman
Ted Carr, Vice Chairman
Diane Kennedy
Cindy Matheison
Tom Meade

Trust Member Absent: David Fifer
Rob Henry

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

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Gaumer at 8:33am

Roll Call Vote: Tom Meade – Aye, Diane Kennedy – Aye, Cindy Matheison, and Steve Gaumer - Aye

Update on 808 Jerusalem Road

Jennifer Oram stated that the only update on this project is that Habitat for Humanity is working on fundraising for the project. Chairman of the Affordable Housing Steering Committee (AHSC), Rob Jeffers, added that the Habitat for Humanity Representative, Noreen Browne, will be attending the next AHSC meeting.

Chairman Gaumer noted that the lot is overgrown again, and it falls upon the Town to keep it cleaned up. Though Habitat has the P & S, the land has not been transferred.

MOTION BY CHAIRMAN GAUMER: To request the DPW mow the lawn at 808 Jerusalem Road monthly.

SECONDED: Member Tom Meade

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cindy Matheison – Aye, Diane Kennedy – Aye, Tom Meade – Aye, & Steve Gaumer - Aye

MOTION CARRIES – 4-0

- Member Ted Carr joined the meeting at 8:38AM

Annual Town Meeting

Chairman Gaumer stated that revisions of the Affordable Housing Trust Bylaw passed unanimously at Town Meeting. In addition, the CPC’s funding of \$500,000 to the AHT was also approved.

Administrative

Calendar of Meeting Dates

- Document – Schedule of Meeting dates through 2022

The Trust reviewed and agreed upon the proposed meeting date calendar.

APPROVED MINUTES

MOTION BY MEMBER MATHEISON: To approve the meeting date calendar for the AHT.
SECONDED: Vice Chairman Carr

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cindy Matheison – Aye, Diane Kennedy – Aye, Ted Carr – Aye, Tom Meade – Aye, & Steve Gaumer - Aye

MOTION CARRIES – 5-0

Update on Projects – Planning / Zoning – Jennifer Oram updated the Trust on local project that are before the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board. These included 1 Pleasant Street and 147 South Main Street.

Approval of Bills from Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane (MHTL).

- Document - Bill number 80563 in the amount of \$1,192.50

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR CARR: To approve paying the Bill number 80563 from MHTL.
SECONDED: Member Tom Meade

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cindy Matheison – Aye, Diane Kennedy – Aye, Tom Meade – Aye, Ted Carr – Aye, & Steve Gaumer - Aye

MOTION CARRIES – 5-0

Approval of Minutes

MOTION BY MEMBER KENNEDY: To approve the minutes of May 12, 2021.
SECONDED: Member Ted Carr

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cindy Matheison – Aye, Diane Kennedy – Aye, Ted Carr – Aye, Tom Meade - Aye, & Steve Gaumer - Aye

MOTION CARRIES – 5-0

Trust Member Comments:

Member Carr thanked and congratulated Cindy Matheison and Select Board Member Schubert for their service. Member Matheison thanked Mr. Carr and stated that both she and Mr. Schubert that the Board is moving forward in good hands. Chairman Gaumer stated that Mr. Schubert is extraordinarily dedicated. Select Board Member Kennedy agreed with everyone and said he would be sorely missed.

Chairman Gaumer stated that the Board will be going into Executive Session and read the following aloud:

Executive Session under Exception 6: To consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body: The Trust will discuss various Affordable Housing options regarding different properties/parcel in the Town.

Chairman Gaumer stated the Board would be coming out of Executive Session into Open Session only for the purposes of Adjournment. He asked for roll call vote to go into Executive Session:

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cindy Matheison – Aye, Diane Kennedy – Aye, Ted Carr – Aye, Tom Meade – Aye, & Steve Gaumer - Aye

APPROVED MINUTES

- The Trust headed into Executive Session at approximately 9:00AM
- The Trust came out of Executive Session at 9:45AM

Adjournment:

MOTION BY MEMBER MEADE:

To Adjourn the meeting at 9:45AM

SECONDED:

Vice Chairman Carr

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ted Carr – Aye, Cindy Matheison - Aye, Tom Meade – Aye, Diane Kennedy – Aye & Steve Gaumer - Aye

MOTION CARRIES – 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:45AM

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