

Minutes of 4/22/15 Meeting, Westport Affordable Housing Trust Fund

Meeting at Town Hall was called to order at 3:15 p.m. with members Liz Collins (LC), Craig Dutra (CD), Warren Messier (WM), Elaine Ostroff (EO) present. Absent were members Brian Corey Jr., James Sabra, Nicholas Christ. Also present were Housing Specialist Leonardi Aray and recording clerk Robert Barboza.

LC suggested that each meeting begin with the Pledge of Allegiance, and asked that the Pledge be added to monthly meeting agendas.

MINUTES: CD made a motion to approve the minutes of the 3/25/15 meeting with correction of spelling of John Fraser's name in the first paragraph, second by EO. Approved unanimously.

MEETING SCHEDULE: Notice was given of the next meetings were scheduled for 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27 and Wednesday, June 24.

INVOICES: LA asked the board to consider Trust membership in the Westport Business to Business Association at a cost of \$50 per year. Motion to approve by CD, second by EO; approved unanimously. Motion to approve invoices totaling \$3,745 for Housing Specialist and Housing Office clerk made by CD, second by WM; approved unanimously.

HOUSING SPECIALIST REPORT: LA presented an updated financial report for the board's review. LA reported on the 4-16 presentation to the Westport Business to Business Group. A draft report on rehab housing units included in the town's SHI inventory list led to discussion of the HOPP options for keeping such units affordable after initial agreements expire. A request from the Roger Williams University Community Partnerships Center (CPC) for a participant survey response was approved, with LA to complete that task; the request led to discussion about potential follow-up project with the CPC.

NOQUOCHOKE VILLAGE UPDATE: LA reported on plans for an April 30 public information session on Noquochoke Village project, with participation by Trust members, The Community Builders (TCB) representatives, and the company's engineers. LA asked to check on recent perc test results with the Board of Health; and given input on contents of informational presentation on WAHTF articles (Articles 28 & 35) on the warrant for the annual town meeting.

LC asked if TCB would consider adding solar panels to NV design, and LA said he would make that suggestion to them. LC reported that Selectman R. Michael Sullivan wants to revisit the PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement between the town and TCB. LA indicated TCB wants to hold a courtesy meeting with State Senator Rodrigues in May to update him on NV plans.

OTHER BUSINESS: With EO soon to leave the Trust, there was some discussion of recruiting candidates to apply for that vacancy; LA was directed to contact NV abutter Pam Costa to see if she might be interested in applying. WM is up for reappointment in 2015, and indicated he will send a letter seeking reappointment by Selectmen.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. on a motion by CD, seconded by WM; the vote was unanimous.