


**Housing Committee
Town of Pelham
Meeting Minutes for Sept 29, 2020**

Meeting conducted remotely via Zoom

Approved: 

Committee Members in Attendance:

Tilman Lukas, Ruth Elcan, Jim Lumley, Amy Spalding-Fecher, Gail Kenny, Barbara Cooper

Committee Members Not in Attendance: none

Guests in Attendance: Rusty Rowel

Meeting called to order at: 4:36 by Tilman

Votes Taken: None

Action Items: Barbara and Ruth to make final edits to Letter to Pelham residents concerning Warrant Article.

Tilman to submit final letter as PDF to Amherst Copy to proof and then print

Committee members to stuff letters before October 10, 2020

Committee Discussion Topics

Town Warrant Article re: Amethyst Brook Apartment funding

- Discussion of wording of letter to town
 - What is Section 8 Housing. Project is considered affordable Private housing, as opposed to municipal affordable housing. This project will have rental assistance, but only for 8 units. No need to elaborate on this as it is not a Section 8 project.
 - Project has not been approved yet by the Massachusetts Historical Commission this is in process. HC needs to support the demolition, and then MHC will do their own review.
 - Discussion of town's commitment to address high speed traffic on Amherst Rd.
- Relevant comments from HCDI have been incorporated into document.
- Plan is to mail this by October 10.
- Next step once this is printed will be for committee to stuff envelopes.

Town Meeting:

- Please think about how to get vote out at Town Meeting for this Warrant Article
- Give your friends a reason to attend TM, call contacts in town.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52

Next meeting: October 6, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Spalding-Fecher

References:

ABA Amethyst Brook Apartments (20-22 Amherst Road)
ANR: Approval not Required
DHCD MA Dept. of Housing and Community Development
CPC Community Preservation Committee
H4H: Housing for Humanity
HCDI: Home City Development Corp.
PB Planning Board