

**Housing Committee
Town of Pelham, MA**

Meeting Minutes: December 11, 2018

Committee Members in Attendance:

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

APPROVED: 

Absent:

Guests in Attendance: None

Action Items

- Meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m.
- Tilman Lukas will take minutes for this meeting and forward approved minutes to Kathy Martell
- Next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 4:30 PM at the Pelham Library building.

Votes Taken

- Minutes of November 13, 2018 reviewed and approved. Motion by Ruth Elcan, Seconded by Amy Spalding-Fletcher.

Committee Discussion Topics

Gail, Ruth, Amy and Tilman attended the Small House Forum that Habitat for Humanity sponsored in Northampton on November 14. Members discussed the Forum and how it might pertain to future affordable housing in Pelham.

Tilman updated Committee that Home City Housing has acquired 22 Amherst Road and will be proceeding with next steps to eventually convert the site into affordable housing.

Committee reviewed draft Contract with Valley Community Development Corp. (VCDC) for the First Time Homebuyer Program. Edits were provided to Tilman who will make changes and then forward to VCD for their comments. Draft will then be forwarded to the Selectboard Administrator to forward to Town Counsel.

Gail updated Committee on meeting on possible sites where Habitat for Humanity might be able to construct a future affordable house. More specific information should be available in January.

Tilman updated Committee on two Planning Board meetings he attended in November. First meeting was relative to methods to slow traffic on Amherst Road. Many residents attended this meeting and all expressed concern regarding traffic and speed. Second meeting was relative to a request by several residents to change the zoning bylaw and not allow bars and restaurants in the Residential Village Center district. Planning board will take comments under advisement and further discuss at a future meeting.

Agenda Proposed for January 08, 2019 Housing Committee Meeting:

Proposed Agenda:

- Review and approval of minutes of December 11, 2018.
- Updates
- Review initial draft documents/contract with Valley Community Development Corp.
- Discuss potential future affordable housing building sites

Next Meeting:

Pelham Housing Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, January 08, 2019

4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Pelham Library

History Room

2 South Valley Road

Pelham MA 01002

Barbara Cooper made a motion to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. Seconded by Amy Spalding-Fletcher.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tilman Lukas