

**Housing Committee  
Town of Pelham, MA**

Meeting Minutes: December 12, 2017 (Approved)

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Jim Lumley  
Tilman Lukas  
Ruth Elcan  
Barbara Cooper

**Absent:**

Tony Maroulis  
Gail Kenny

**Guests in Attendance**

None

**Votes Taken**

Motion made by Ruth Elcan to accept the November 7 minutes as submitted. Seconded by Jim Lumley, Unanimous approval.

**Action Items**

- Meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m.
- Tilman Lukas will take minutes for this meeting and forward draft to Kathy Martell
- Next agenda will be to continue discussing various programs that the Housing Committee might recommend to the Selectboard and CPA.
- Next meeting is Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at 4:30 PM at the Pelham Library.

**Committee Discussion Topics**

Ruth Elcan informed the Committee that Eli Kwartler is the representative for various elder services programs in town. Ruth will contact Eli regarding setting up a meeting. Eli will hopefully be able to tell us who the contact for Council on Aging is.

Committee discussed the possibility of including an existing real estate tax abatement program for elderly households in any future information the Committee will prepare for distribution.

Barbara and Ruth updated the Committee on their recent attendance of the public meeting to update town residents about the village center concept.

Committee agreed that we should contact Donna Cabana from the Valley Community Development Corporation to attend a future meeting. Objective is to discuss implementation procedure and cost associated with some sort of affordable housing acquisition program.

Tilman will contact Gail Kenny regarding possible lots that she is aware of in town that might be able to be purchased or obtain site control for future affordable housing.

Tilman Lukas suggested that at our next meeting we should continue to review information about housing programs previously collected by the committee. Goal is to start to focus on programs that are financially achievable and further our mission to make Pelham more affordable for people with lower incomes and for the elderly residents.

### **Agenda Proposed for January 2, 2018, Housing Committee Meeting:**

#### **Proposed Agenda\*:**

- Review and approval of minutes of December 12, 2017.
- Discuss various programs that support the mission of the Committee.
- Establish possible times to meet with Elders Services Committee
- Discuss formation of Affordable Housing Trust and alternatives.

\*Note: The list of topics was comprehensive as of the date of posting, however the public body may consider or take action on unforeseen items not listed here to the extent allowed by law.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Pelham Housing Committee Meeting:  
Tuesday, January 2, 2018  
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 6:12. Seconded by Ruth Elcan.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tilman Lukas