

**Housing Committee  
Town of Pelham, MA**

Meeting Minutes: June 4, 2019

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Tilman Lukas  
Jim Lumley  
Barbara Cooper  
Ruth Elcan

APPROVED: 

**Absent:**

Amy Spalding-Fecher  
Gail Kenny

**Guests in Attendance:**

None.

**Action Items**

- Meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m.

**Votes Taken**

Minutes of May 7, 2019 reviewed. Motion to approve: Ruth, seconded by Barbara.

**Committee Discussion Topics**

Committee members discussed process for obtaining appraisals, survey, and environmental review for 8 Amherst Road. Judy Eiseman had given Committee name of Ellen Anderson. Jim Lumley provided the following names and contact information: Helen Thelan, Bob Dillon, and Jeff Dietschler. Tilman agreed to send out invitations to submit appraisals to these people.

Committee discussed getting an environmental review of the site give that there exists a garage with a pit. Habitat will want a clean site. Alan Weiss, Rick Scott, and SWCA Environmental Consultants (formerly New England Environmental) were mentioned as possible consultants to provide the service if they are qualified. It was decided to wait on getting price quotes until we get appraisals and the seller of 8 Amherst Road agrees to a sale price.

Committee discussed possible surveyors of the lot so that any part of the site that will have a conservation restriction will be properly recorded. This service can occur after a sale price has been agreed to.

Tilman noted that Megan McDonough, Habitat for Humanity, would prefer that the area with a restriction be deeded to another party rather than have it be part of their site. This keeps things simpler for them. Future owner of the other part of the parcel is to be determined later.

Committee asked about progress of the First Time Homebuyer Program. No information available. Tilman will check with Valley Community Development Corporation on plans to hold meetings, advertising, and other outreach that might occur.

Committee discussed Housing Choice Small Town Capital Grant Program RFP. Applications are due July 11, 2019 and costs must have been incurred before June 30, 2020. The Committee felt that there were no activities that would meet that timetable. It was decided that we would not submit an application at that time.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

**Agenda Proposed for July 2, 2019 Housing Committee Meeting:**

- Review and approval of minutes of June 4, 2019
- Review of Appraisal proposals for 8 Amherst Road
- Possible site at 18 Daniel Shays Highway for affordable house
- Discuss potential future affordable housing building sites

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tilman Lukas