Housing Committee Town of Pelham, MA

Meeting Minutes: October 02, 2018

Committee Members in Attendance:

Jim Lumley Tilman Lukas Barbara Cooper APPROVED:

Absent:

Gail Kenny Ruth Elcan Amy Spalding-Fetcher

Guests in Attendance

Action Items

- Meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m.
- Tilman Lukas will take minutes for this meeting and forward approved minutes to Kathy Martell
- Next regular meeting is Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 4:30 PM at the Pelham Library building.

Votes Taken

Committee members deferred approving minutes until meeting with more members present.

Committee Discussion Topics

No meeting was held in September due to holidays and vacation schedules.

Committee discussed proposed development of 22 Amherst Road as a possible affordable housing project. Tilman Lukas explained steps that the developer was taking to determine if site is suitable for family or elderly housing. Site is close to Amethyst Brook and will need approvals from Conservation Commission and Mass. Department of Environmental Protection. Site has difficult topography and will require extensive engineering. Developer (Home City Development, Inc.) will also need zoning approvals. Currently very preliminary architectural designs estimate that approximately 30 one-bedroom units could be placed on the site if the existing building is demolished. Developer leaning towards an elderly project (62 and older) due to very limited recreational space for children available. The proximity to the river also presents a possible hazard for children.

Agenda Proposed for November 13, 2018 Housing Committee Meeting:

Proposed Agenda:

- Review and approval of minutes of August 7., 2018. And October 2, 2018
- Updates
- Review initial draft documents/contract with Valley Community Development Corp.
- Discuss future recommendations to Planning Board
- Discuss potential future affordable housing building sites

Next Meeting:

Pelham Housing Committee Meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 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 6:00. Seconded by Jim Lumley.

Respectfully Submitted, Tilman Lukas