

Housing Committee Town of Pelham, MA

Meeting Minutes: January 08, 2019

Committee Members in Attendance:

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

APPROVED: 

Absent:

Ruth Elcan

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 town clerk
- Next regular meeting is Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 4:30 PM at the Pelham Library building.

Votes Taken

- Minutes of December 11, 2018 reviewed. Motion to approve by Barbara Cooper, Seconded by Amy Spalding-Fletcher. All in favor.
- Motion to approve draft contract with Valley Community Development Corp and forward to Select Board Administrative Assistant for submission to town counsel. Made by Barbara Cooper, Seconded by Amy Spalding-Fecher. All in favor-unanimous.

Committee Discussion Topics

Gail informed the Committee that the owners of a specific lot the Housing Committee has been considering as a possible site for a Habitat for Humanity home are willing to sell for that purpose. The lot will be temporarily referred to as Property X in order to maintain confidentiality until negotiations are concluded. Gail Kenny will coordinate a site visit with Habitat to confirm site suitability. If satisfactory, the Committee will seek an outside appraisal to help establish market value. Tilman will contact the town treasurer to determine if previously approved Community Preservation funds are still available to cover some of the initial review costs.

Committee reviewed final draft Contract with Valley Community Development Corp. (VCDC) for the First Time Homebuyer Program. Edits were previously provided to Tilman. He made changes and then forward to VCDC for their comments. Final draft will now be forwarded to the Select Board Administrator to forward to Town Counsel as per Motion.

Tilman informed the Committee that Sarah Hall, hopefully a future Committee member, is unable to serve on the Committee due to the scheduling conflicts with her employment.

Agenda Proposed for February 05, 2019 Housing Committee Meeting:

Proposed Agenda:

- Review and approval of minutes of January 8, 2019.
- Updates
- Discussion with Planning Board members
- Status of First Time Homebuyer Program
- Status of Property X
- Discuss potential future affordable housing building sites

Next Meeting:

Pelham Housing Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, February 05, 2019

4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Pelham Library

History Room

2 South Valley Road

Pelham MA 01002

Amy Spalding-Fecher made a motion to adjourn at 5:53 p.m. Seconded by Gail Kenny.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tilman Lukas