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MEETING OF:
June 4, 2020
MINUTES

Members Present: Jim Brand, Chair; Brett Heyman; Ann Thompson; Todd Trehubenko; Michael Marcucci
Members Absent: Kerry McCormick, Adam Ameden
Staff Present: Marion Bonoldi, Recording Clerk
Others Present: Olivia Taylor
Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

At approximately 6:02 pm, Chairman Jim Brand called the meeting to order and announced the meeting is being recorded. Chair Brand read the following:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Medfield Affordable Housing Trust is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order. A reminder that persons who would like to listen to/view this meeting while in progress may do so by following the instructions on the agenda and meeting notice.

Group Home Discussion-

Chair Brand said the presentation from Cathy Boyle, Autism Housing Pathways was very helpful and he would like to find a way to frame the information into some sort of action. Chair Brand said the AHT has a few hurdles regarding town owned land, needed management organizations and possible RFP's. Mr. Brett Heyman believes the first step is to find a group of townspeople that would be interested in the benefits of a group home, per Ms. Boyle's suggestion. Mr. Michael Marcucci believes Ms. Boyle and Ms. Suzanne Siino should meet. Mr. Marcucci believes the "group" needs to organize and the AHT needs to acquire a property. Chair Brand asked how much risk is involved if the AHT acquires a property and the group home project doesn't work out. Mr. Marcucci said the property could always be used for another housing project. Mr. Marcucci said there might be some people in town that have land and would be willing to sell it. Chair Brand said the AHT needs to find a property that will not hit the market because the AHT would not be able to act quickly enough. Mr. Todd

Trehubenko believes \$400,000 is the price point the AHT should be focused on. Mr. Marcucci agreed. Mr. Heyman said he will reach out to Ms. Boyle and Ms. Siino and find a way for them to connect.

New Business

Mr. Marcucci congratulated Chair Brand on being elected to the Planning Board. Mr. Marcucci said the town is lucky to have Chair Brand. Chair Brand said thank you and that he is happy to be a part of the AHT and the Planning Board. Chair Brand said this might be the last meeting for Mr. Trehubenko. Chair Brand thanked Mr. Trehubenko and Mr. Ameden for their service to the town. Mr. Trehubenko said he has enjoyed the AHT and it has been an honor to serve. Mr. Trehubenko feels the AHT has accomplished a lot in a short amount of time and is happy to help.

July and August Meetings

Mr. Marcucci said he is in favor of not having July and August meetings. Mr. Marcucci said that is something comes up; the AHT will meet. Mr. Marcucci said there will be two new AHT members coming on in the fall. Mr. Marcucci made a motion to no have AHT meetings in July and August. Seconded by Mr. Heyman. Roll Call Vote: Mike Marcucci = yes; Todd Trehubenko = yes; Brett Heyman = yes; Jim Brand = yes. The Vote: 4-0.

Minutes

Chair Brand noted that Mr. Marcucci's name was left off of the header in both the April and May minutes. Mr. Marcucci noted that SNARC was miss-spelled in the May minutes.

Mr. Marcucci made a motion to approve the April 2, 2020 and the May 7, 2020 minutes with noted edits. Seconded by Mr. Heyman. Roll Call Vote: Mike Marcucci = yes; Todd Trehubenko = yes; Brett Heyman = yes; Jim Brand = yes. The Vote: 4-0.

Committee Updates

Chair Brand said there is no news on Rosebay. Mr. Marcucci said there is an outdoor Annual Town Meeting scheduled for June 27, 2020 at 11:00 am. Mr. Marcucci said the warrant has only budget articles and their hopes to be a Special Town Meeting in the fall.

Mr. Marcucci introduced Ms. Olivia Taylor. Ms. Taylor is a former resident who is currently in college. Ms. Taylor is interested in what Medfield is doing for economic development and diversity in town. Mr. Marcucci and Chair Brand suggested Ms. Taylor reads the past minutes from the AHT and thanked her of attending the meeting.

Adjournment - Mr. Marcucci made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Heyman. Roll Call Vote: Mike Marcucci = yes; Todd Trehubenko = yes; Brett Heyman = yes; Jim Brand = yes. The Vote: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marion Bonoldi, Recording Clerk