

## **Concord Affordable Housing Finding Committee**

Meeting Minutes April 17, 2019

Committee members present: Todd Benjamin (chair), Holly Darzen (clerk), Ray Andrews, Sue Myers, Vince Carlson

Others present: Peter Farrow (former Concord Housing Trust president), Stephan Bader (LOWV), Linda Escobedo (Select Board)

1. Minutes from 3/21, 3/28, and 4/2 were all approved with revisions submitted. Holly will also prepare minutes for the brief 4/9 meeting prior to Town Meeting.
2. Holly will email the Town Clerk about the final wording of the Warrant Articles #23 – #26.
3. Sue mentioned adding commercial properties to Article 25; she'll check with Town Counsel.
4. Cory Atkins told Ray that approved warrant articles are sent to the appropriate committee (Rules Committee) by T. Gouveia and M. Barrett as "late filings". Ray will update them and let them know the outcome of our articles in Town Meeting, and ask them to keep us informed about progress in the legislature. Sue suggested our representatives ask sponsors of similar bills to sign on to our bills.
5. Sue will write a letter to the Select Board about how the articles get to the next stage, and how/whether the language changes, and the request that they keep us updated. Linda noted that there will be more to do, like public forums, and getting town support again.
6. Linda Escobedo reiterated that she and Mike Lawson went to the State House in December and spoke to staff of the Joint Committee on Revenue.
7. Regarding Article 24 (Affordable Housing Trust Fund), Todd pointed out that the bylaws should be written soon, so that if there is a special Town Meeting later this year, they will be ready to be discussed there.
8. Our committee ends at the end of April. Sue is preparing a 2 page final report. It should reference the preliminary report or be an appendix or final chapter. It will do the following:
  - Thank the Select Board and discuss next steps
  - Summarize our 4 recommendations
  - Summarize the Warrant Articles and revenue they would generate
  - Talk about the revenue gap
  - Our new recommendations – get bylaws for the trust written, and get Articles 225 and 26 6o the State House promptly and properly
  - Make recommendations for more revenue, such as the short term rental tax, PILOT, zoning changes, a larger budget line item, maximizing the building permit surcharge
9. The next meeting is Wednesday 4/24 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted

Holly Darzen