

# Minutes of Manchester Affordable Housing Trust

**APPROVED**

Date: June 24, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting through Zoom as posted

Present: Muffin Driscoll, John Feuerbach, Nancy Hammond, Peggy Hegarty-Steck, Joan McDonald, Sarah Mellish, Chris Olney, Technical Support Staff: Sue Brown

Also Present: MHA Chair, Gretchen Wood

## I. Call to Order

John called the MAHT Meeting to order at 6:02. Agenda item III, Discussion of Public Forum was addressed first.

## II. Discussion of Public Forum to present and discuss MHA/MAHT Study

The Forum is scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup>. Outreach has been through the newspapers, flyers at Town Meeting, emails and social media.

- John will send announcement to Bill Cross and ask him to share with Citizens Housing Group and Nancy will send to Denny Hall.
- Sue will post as MAHT meeting and will work with school to test technology
- John and Chris will work with Bev Gallo on presentation and handouts, Nancy will copy handouts
- It was agreed that there needed to be clarity regarding the MHA – noting MHA ownership and control of the project, and identifying MAHT as a supporting partner.
- Presentation should note that next steps would include town vote on use of DPW site. FinCom support for this must be determined in advance of the vote, as FinCom will provide its recommendation to Town Meeting. Trustees discussed the need to identify the value of the site.

## III. Administrative

- a. **Approval of Minutes (May 19, 2021)** - Minutes were approved as presented.
- b. **Technical Assistance Hours and Tasks** – Sue’s hours averaged
- c. **Treasurers Report** – Joan reported that she received an invoice from KPLaw of \$1,116 for work associated with Powder House Lane Project. Trustees voted to approve payment. Joan noted she would have thank you notes out to residents who donated for the project by Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.
- d. **Update on Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program** - Peggy provided a monthly report. 29 households helped with an average assistance of \$5,884. \$100,036 has been committed to date. The program is scheduled to end on Sept 1. Peggy noted that evictions may be starting as state protections end. She will monitor project budget to assure pay down of existing funds by end date and will notify the Trust if further assistance may be needed. John will ask for another reminder of the program be run in the Cricket.

**IV. Discussion of Planning Efforts as may be relevant**

John submitted MAHT letter to BOS regarding the SLV Development. BOS to submit community comments by June 24 to Mass Housing Finance Association

**V. Other matters, as may not have been reasonably anticipated by the Chair (Discussion only)**

None

**VI. Next Meeting Date**

Thursday, July 27th, 2021 at 6:00 PM

**VII. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM**

Meeting notes recorded and submitted by Sue Brown

Meeting notes approved at MAHT meeting on July 27, 2021