

Stoneham Municipal Affordable Housing Trust (SMAHT)

Approved Meeting Minutes

12/10/2024 6:30 PM

Present: Elizabeth Cleveland, Mary Shannon Thomas, Paulette Gerry, and Laura Cronin

Next meeting: January 21, 2025 @ 6:30

Agenda was made public via Town of Stoneham website. Meeting was scheduled to begin at 6:30 pm however due to some technical issues a new link had to be created. The new link was made available on the Website, through texts and email to its members. The Trust apologizes for the inconvenience. The meeting start time was delayed to 6:50 pm

1. **Roll call to open:**

Thomas made a motion to open the meeting. Seconded by Cleveland.
Vote was Unanimous

2. **Approval of minutes of June 25, 2024, September 24, 2024 and October 29, 2024**

Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Cronin. Roll call vote, Unanimous.

Minutes from February 27, 2024 will be reviewed at the January 21, 2025 meeting.

3. **Next meeting date:** January 21, 2025 at 6:30 pm

4. **Membership Updates:**

Board members re-emphasized the importance of meeting attendance and if not able to make the commitment then members need to resign, there are other areas where a person can assist without being a trustee. Members are expected to respond to notifications regarding meeting attendance, if not they will be asked to step back into a non-voting roll.

5. **Brief discussion of Maple Street Lottery:**

Lottery for 95 Maple Street was held on November 12, 2024 at 6:00 via ZOOM. Cronin and Gerry logged in and watched the process.

6. **Other non-deliberative business:**

Cleveland briefly discussed the school's Redistricting Advisory Committee and how housing impacts school districting. The Redistricting Advisory Committee is looking to hire a consultant.

7. Updates on the working groups:

Discussion on the two working groups “Public Outreach and Education” and “Development of Housing”. Thomas, Cleveland Cronin and Gerry all preferred the Public Outreach Working Group.

In January will look at the makeup of the board and review the subcommittees at that time. The groups are planning on brainstorming in January with ideas on what should be prioritize and reviewing any upcoming opportunities, such as a flyer for Town Meeting in May.

Cleveland had an idea to tap local residents for specific areas of the working group.

Cronin recommended keeping the working groups relatively simple to start, we can build on the groups over time.

Task moving forward: For next meeting trustees are asked to think about one concept or idea for public outreach and engagement, any ideas should be relayed to Thomas or Cleveland prior to the to be put on the agenda for discussion at next meeting.

8. Thomas motioned to adjourn; second by Gerry; roll call unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Paulette Gerry

Member/Treasurer, Stoneham Municipal Affordable Housing Trust

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