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Norwell Community Housing Trust Meeting Minutes December 8, 2020

The Community Housing Trust was called to order by Gregg McBride, Chair at 7:33 p.m. Also present were, Vice Chair Liz Hibbard, and Board Members, Ellen Allen, Cara Hamilton, Peter Shea, Leanne Walt and Rob Charest. Guests included Vcevy Strekalovsky, Strekalovsky Architecture and Maureen Fitzgerald, Neighborworks Housing Solutions and Rob Corley, Neighborworks Housing Solutions. The meeting was held remotely, as allowed under the Executive Order dated March 12, 2020 suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, Gen. L. c. 30A §20 et seq. and 940 CMR 29.01 et seq.

Administrative Matters

Motion made to accept the Agenda of December 9, 2020. Seconded and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

Motion made to accept the Minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting as submitted. Seconded and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote.

Carleton Property

Vcevy Strekalovsky, Strekalovsky Architecture, asked questions and discussed possibilities for the preliminary concept design for Carleton Properties potential affordable housing location. The Community Housing Trust would like to see a large tree line buffer and the idea is to design a site fitting to the street and area. Mr. Strekalovsky thought he would need a month or so to prepare the sketches and also mentioned revisiting the site.

Housing Assistance Program

Maureen Fitzgerald and Rob Corley from Neighborworks Housing Solutions joined our meeting tonight to talk about Rental Assistance Programs. Their data showed that the known current demand for assistance is currently low for Norwell with currently 8 requests to date for the State RAFT program. The program helps lenders and landlords. After discussing how the program works and its confidentiality the group decided a flyer to help get the word out to people in Norwell was a good idea to reach people that might not know the program exists. Maureen and Rob felt checking back in January and February might be a good idea to get new data on the demand for rental assistance.

Wildcat Property

Robert Charest finished his review prior to the meeting tonight. He made a few recommendations but felt the documents were very close. The Trust members will discuss timing on sending the RFP out and also would like to meet with the Selectmen at an upcoming meeting to discuss the project and possibly prepare a flyer or tv channel segment to update residents on the progress and next steps.

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CPC Application

Gregg McBride, Chair, met with the Community Preservation Committee on November 24, 2020 to discuss this year's application. The CPC had very few questions and the meeting went well.

Update on Affordable Homes

7 Assinippi Avenue #204

Motion to allow assets of \$250k per the State guidelines for 7 Assinippi Avenue #204. Seconded and passed 7-0-0 by roll call vote. Unanimously.

Items Unknown to Chair

Future Meeting

January 21, 2021 7:15 pm

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 9:10 pm