

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND (AHTF)
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 5, 2018
6:30 PM – Great Barrington Fire Station, 37 State Road**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Cooke, Chairman; Fred Clark; John Katz; Jonathan Hankin; Samantha Homeyer.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Cara Davis **OTHERS PRESENT:** Shep Evans, Administrator.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Cooke called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

MINUTES: The minutes of March 1, 2018 had been previously circulated. **Motion by Mr. Hankin, seconded by Mr. Clark, to approve the minutes as circulated. Unanimous approval.**

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Mr. Cooke opened a review of the marketing effort to date for the Down Payment Assistance Program which consisted largely of contacts with area banks and some Realtors as well as the establishment of a web site. A discussion of additional marketing efforts generated suggestions of places the promotional materials might be placed to reach the right "niche" market. Ideas mentioned included Construct, Berkshire South Community Center, Cumberland Farms, Price Chopper & BigY, Fairview Hospital and advertising in the Shopper's Guide.

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Mr. Cooke opened a discussion of the administration of the Rehabilitation Project and the proposal from BRPC. The consensus was to keep administration "in house" rather than hiring outside support and that it might be instructive to "try one project and see how it goes".

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Mr. Cooke acknowledged that there was a possibility of some funding from the state Housing Bond Bill and that he was following that subject to see if it materializes.

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Mr. Cooke reminded the board that it was time to be thinking about this year's CPC funding request and the need for potential projects to illustrate opportunities if a discussion materialized at Annual Town Meeting.

TRUSTEE'S TIME:

Mr. Hankin noted the reported success being had by the Tiny Home Manufacturer in north county, and the possibility of these units filling an affordable housing need where zoning might allow in established residential neighborhoods.

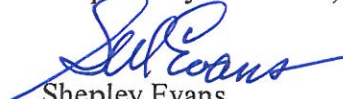
Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Hankin, to authorize up to \$1,000. for getting the promotional literature translated into Spanish and printing a supply of flyers to be placed in key locations. Unanimous approval.

CITIZEN SPEAK TIME: None.

NEXT MEETING: Scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 6:30PM at the G.B. Fire Station.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Cooke, hearing no objection, adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Shepley Evans
Administrative Support