

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

**Thursday, May 3, 2018**

**6:30 PM – Great Barrington Fire Station, 37 State Road**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Cooke, Chairman; Fred Clark; Cara Davis; Jonathan Hankin; John Katz.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Samantha Homeyer. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Shep Evans, Administrator.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Cooke called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of April 5, 2018 were delayed due to technical (computer) issues.

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Mr. Cooke reviewed promotional materials and showed samples of flyers and a display box. The group brainstormed locations for the flyers, and all agreed that the Spanish language flyer should be printed on the back of the English language flyer.

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Mr. Cooke opened a discussion of potential CPC funding requests for FY 2019. He suggested consideration of establishing a rolling fund to acquire properties and pass them on to other organizations with a deed restriction that would assure long term or permanent affordability. There was general agreement that the Trust should seek \$100,000 again and perhaps a second \$100,000 for a new program either for a purchase or for a rolling fund.

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Mr. Cooke expressed interest in exploring the possibility of making application for a Federal Home Loan Bank grant. The application period runs through June and July. He expects to attend a training session in mid-June which will enable him to discuss the details with the Trustees thereafter.

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**TRUSTEE'S TIME:**

There was general agreement that the Trust needs to develop new sources of funding.

**Motion by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Katz,** that , if the Town Meeting approves \$100,000 this year, the Trust Fund will start a rehab project with \$50,000. Approved by a vote of 4 to 1. Mr. Clark voted against.

At the June meeting, Mr. Clark wants to go through the rehab paperwork that Mr. Cooke got from BRPC. Mr. Cooke agreed that he would send the paperwork to all trustees by e-mail.

**CITIZEN SPEAK TIME:** None.

**NEXT MEETING:** Scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 6:30PM at the G.B. Fire Station.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Cooke, hearing no objection, adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Shepley Evans

Administrative Support