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

Thursday, June 7, 2018 6:30 PM – Great Barrington Fire Station, 37 State Road

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Cooke called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

MINUTES: Mr. Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Katz, to approve the minutes of April 5, 2018 and May 3, 2018 as distributed. Unanimous approval.

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Mr. Cooke provided an update on promotional materials, progress, direction and strategies. He advised that the Spanish language version of promotional copy is in hand. He proposed and the group discussed the possibility of running a 2" x 2 column advertisement in the Shopper's Guide. Mr. Clark objected to spending a lot of money on advertising.

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Mr. Cooke opened a discussion on the re-habilitation project details, including the existing paperwork, qualifications required of applicants and the establishment of a sub-committee to run the project. The group set about editing the draft Housing Rehabilitation Program Guide, eliminating overly wordy or unnecessary text, including sections on goals, hardship conditions, managerial & specialist staffing and a recitation of statutes and regulations that such a rehabilitation project would be subject to. Mr. Cooke agreed to re-publish the Program Guide and distribute same for the next meeting.

Mr. Cooke raised the subject of meeting with the Planning Board, and it was generally agreed that those who attended would meet as visitors rather than try to participate in a "joint" meeting of boards. The next Planning Board meeting was understood to be on June 14th at 7:00 PM.
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TRUSTEE'S and CITIZEN SPEAK TIME: None

NEXT MEETING: Scheduled for Thursday, June 28th was agreed to be moved to Thursday, July 5, 2018 at 6:30PM at the G.B. Fire Station to avoid members' conflicts.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Cooke, hearing no objection, adjourned the meeting at 8:21PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shepley Evans

Administrative Support