

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND (AHTF)  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES  
Thursday, December 6, 2018, 6:30 PM  
GREAT BARRINGTON FIRE STATION, 37 STATE ROAD**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Cooke, Chairman; Fred Clark, Vice-Chairman; Jonathan Hankin; Samantha Homeyer;

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cara Davis; Garfield Reed

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Shep Evans, Administrative Support

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Mr. Cooke called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.**

**MINUTES**

The minutes of November 1, 2018, having previously been circulated, **motion by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Clark, to approve the minutes of November 1, 2018 as circulated. Unanimous approval.**

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Mr. Cooke had hoped that the group might have some indication of the results of current grant applications at the CPC. However, there was no new news.

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Mr. Cooke opened a discussion looking forward to 2019 and indicated that Mr. Clark had some thoughts and perhaps some ideas on one or more new directions the Trustees might pursue.

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Mr. Clark suggested that the Board should perhaps continue to discuss with the CPC – perhaps after the current round has concluded – looking for an opportunity to develop an AHTF message that better addresses the “raison d’etre” for the Trust Fund. He suggested that the Board consider going back to CPC after the current round and show how the Trust Fund can leverage in a range of improvements – even going so far as to ask (outside of the current funding cycle context) what CPC wants to see from the AHTF.

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Mr. Hankin suggested that one might want to extract some language out of the GB Masterplan to support the idea that the AHTF holds and is pursuing objectives in common.

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Mr. Clark expressed his feeling the AHTF needs to come to understand and accept that it is dependent upon the CPC at this time. He imagined that it might be productive to present an educational program for prospective affordable housing candidates – similar to the First Time Homebuyer programs that the banks offer. He also encouraged the board to stay in touch with the affordable housing efforts on-going in Lenox and Williamstown. Recalling the discussion about a larger “land deal” that would have involved subdividing and installing roads and utilities, Mr. Clark expressed his attraction to the leverage that such “deals” make possible.

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Mr. Cooke indicated that the vote on applications at the CPC was going to happen on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

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Mr. Cooke and Mr. Clark agreed that it might be good to get to know Habitat for Humanity, and that their experience might be of value to the AHTF.

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**Hearing no objection, Mr. Cooke adjourned the meeting at 7:34PM.**

*Respectfully,  
Shep Evans, Admin. Support*