

Concord Affordable Housing Finding Committee draft

Meeting Minutes February 7, 2019

Committee members present: Todd Benjamin (chair), Holly Darzen (clerk), Ray Andrews, Sue Myers (via phone),

Others present: Linda Escobedo

1. Sue's list regarding the final version of our report to the Select Board was discussed. It was agreed that adding published articles to support our recommendations would be good. We would need to replace the report on the Town website. Sue needs revisions from each committee member for their section by Friday 2.15.19. Holly will check for more recent Building Permit fee data. PILOT will be left as is, except that Sue will footnote CHA on the PILOT list to note that they do make payments in lieu of taxes. Linda suggested including information on Somerville's new home rule petition, perhaps with a link. The infographic should be included, perhaps along with the map of affordable units in the town. Regarding the Airbnb bill currently in the legislature Todd suggested it could be mentioned as a potential source but we don't want it to affect the current revenue recommendations. Changes could be in a final paragraph to the report, rather than scattered throughout.
2. Schedule: Todd will be presenting at the 2/11 Finance Committee meeting. There is a Select Board meeting 2/19, a Finance Committee 2/25, and a Select Bd. hearing 2/26. Joint housing groups meeting tonight 2/7 to discuss TM articles. Planning Bd. meeting 3/13
3. Holly will email Marcia Rasmussen regarding zoning changes involving affordable housing.
4. Ray has talked to Liz Rus about surrounding towns' affordable housing efforts.
5. We discussed the importance of reiterating that the \$500,000 free cash allocation is only for revenue until other revenue sources get through the legislature, noting that a budget line item would be delayed until 2020.
6. Linda encouraged us to publicly promote the affordable housing warrant articles. We should reach out to the League of Women Voters at the appropriate First Friday.
7. Next meeting to be 2/20/19, hopefully to approve final report.

Respectfully submitted

Holly Darzen