

Concord Affordable Housing Finding Committee draft

Meeting Minutes: January 10, 2019 Rev. 2.25.19

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

Others present: Lois Suarez, Linda Escobedo, Susan Bates

1. The 12/17 Select Board hearing regarding the affordable housing Town Meeting warrant article status was reviewed. There was general support from the Select Board regarding the warrant articles, the drafting of which was in progress. After some discussion by the Select Board about whether to make them specific, there was agreement about making three articles specifically calling for a \$500,000 appropriation, the proposed building permit fee surcharge, and the increase in the property transfer tax. Linda Escobedo acknowledged that it was felt that the articles would remain general regarding exactly what account would hold the funds and how it would be distributed.
2. Both the Finance Committee and the Select Board will have public hearings on the affordable housing warrant articles in February. A joint meeting of all the housing groups should be convened to organize this. Liz Rust usually does this.
3. Todd mentioned that Gary Kleiman (Planning Bd.) wants to know what zoning issues could be relevant to support affordable housing. Marcia Rasmussen would be most knowledgeable about this since she has been working on it. Holly will email Marcia and Ray will talk to Liz Rust.
4. Ray Andrews talked to a staff member in Cory Atkins' office, who told him that single town legislative issues get dealt with in the Joint Housing Committee; Senator Joe Boncore has been involved in current acts in the legislature regarding local option transfer fees for affordable housing (SD.334). Kevin has been active in housing issues in the House. It was mentioned that Tami Gouveia should be contacted at some point about supporting any TM articles that go to the legislature. Linda Escobedo mentioned that she and Mike Lawson went to the Joint Revenue Committee to hear about the two towns that currently have home rule petitions regarding raising revenue for affordable housing waiting for approval.
5. Vince Carlson brought up the "developer's fee" as a potential source of funding and will provide more information.

Respectfully submitted
Holly Darzen