Concord Affordable Housing Trust Study Committee

Meeting Minutes:  February 19 meeting
Committee members present:  Keith Bergman, chair; Lee Smith; Holly Darzen, Jim Terry
Also present: Linda Escobedo, Select Board Liaison; Liz Rust, Director of Regional Housing Services Office

1. The 12/11 minutes will be revised by Holly Darzen per Lee Smith’s and Liz Rust’s suggestions. The 1/7 minutes will be revised by Liz Rust per changes discussed. Jim Terry moved to approved both sets of minutes revised as discussed. Keith Bergman seconded; all voted in favor.

2. Keith prepared a Power Point presentation (v.2) for the Select Board public hearing 2/24 regarding Town Meeting Warrant Article 13 (the Trust Bylaw). The Committee discussed various revisions to the presentation which Keith made during the meeting; he will circulate the revised document. The hearing, which covers several warrants is in the Town House Hearing Room.

3. Linda Escobedo suggested an outreach effort to support Town Meeting affordable housing warrant articles, including support for the Bylaw. Liz reported that an affordable housing roundtable meeting will be held on 4/2 for various advocacy groups. Linda will send a draft of Frequently Asked Questions around so that something is available to provide groups like the League of Women Voters and other potential supporters.

4. Liz reported that Massachusetts Housing Partnership will have a workshop/conference on 3/14 regarding how CPCs and Housing Trusts work together.

5. This Committee will only meet on March 4 if the public hearing results in any necessary revisions to the Bylaw. A meeting for this committee 3/18 will be kept on the calendar. The 4/1 meeting will be cancelled.

6. Jim Terry moved to adjourn; Lee Smith seconded. All voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted
Holly Darzen