

Joint Meeting of the
Boxborough Housing Board and Boxborough Affordable Housing Trust
Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019
Morse-Hilberg Room, 29 Middle Road, Boxborough, MA 01719

Housing Board Members Present: Al Murphy, Delores Fromer, Diane Friedman, Ron Vogel (scribe),

Affordable Housing Trust Members Present: Les Fox (scribe), Al Murphy, Becky Neville, Ron Vogel

Other Attendee: Channing Wagg from the Well-being Committee.

The Boxborough Housing Board (BHB) meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by Al Murphy.

The Boxborough Affordable Housing Trust (BAHT) was called to order at 7:35 pm by Les Fox.

I. Minutes

- A. From November 14, 2019 BHB Meeting: Diane made a motion and Delores Fromer seconded a motion to approve. All members voted in favor.
- B. Ron Vogel made a motion to approve the minutes of the Affordable Housing trust from January 11, 2019 and Becky Neville seconded that motion. All members from the BAHT voted yes.
- C. Les Fox made a motion to approve the minutes of the Affordable Housing trust from February 20, 2019 and Al Murphy seconded that motion. All members from the BAHT voted yes.

II. Old Business

- A. Boxborough Rental Assistance Program (BRAP):
Reviewed BRAP current program status. As of December 12, there were 11 households receiving assistance. Two of the households started their final year. There is one household in the screening process. In September there were that households that left the program after reaching three years.
- B. Regional Housing services:
Al stated that a new Inter-Municipality Agreement for 2020 – 2022 will need to be approved and signed by the select Board.
- C. Self-Certification Letters:
Certification Letters will be sent out certified mail. If letters are not completed and returned, the town clerk will check other databases available to the town.

III. New Business

- A. Stow Road
Les Fox reported that the Boxborough Building Committee was going to recommend that the property at 72 Stow Road be considered by the Town for a place to put the fire dept and police dept. He presented a list of all other parcels that were considered. There was discussion on the problems the BHB has had in developing a plan for the use of this property and that this may be a good use of it. There were discussions on how to determine the value of the property for reimbursement to the BAHT. Les and Al noted

that in 2011 a MOU had been signed by the chairs of the Housing Board, Affordable Housing Trust, and Board of Selectmen, addressing this very possibility – how to arrive at a fair evaluation in the event that the property were not used for affordable housing. The MOU outlines a very general approach without fixed rules. The spirit of it is “do the right thing for the Town”. After some discussion, the consensus was that a broad-based inclusive process should be used. No decision was reached on this matter.

IV. Adjourn BHB Meeting and BAHT meeting

- A. Ron Vogel made a motion and Delores Fromer seconded it to adjourn the BHB meeting at 9:05 pm.
- B. Les Fox made a motion and Ron Vogel seconded to adjourn the BAHT meeting at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Vogel and Les Fox