

West Newbury
Affordable Housing Trust Meeting Minutes

Date: July 12, 2023
Time: 6PM
Location: First Floor Hearing Room, Town Office Building
Members Present: Wendy Reed, Deb Hamilton, Donna Garcia, Pam Shaffer, Kevin Bowe, Karen Holmes
Members Absent: Derek Mitchell
Other Attendees: Angus Jennings (Town Manager), Sue Brown (Town Planner), Annmary Conner, Executive Director of Bread and Roses Housing, Inc

- A. Annmary Connor, Bread and Roses Housing
 - 1. B&R builds or fully renovates houses and sells them at reduced costs to very low-income, first-time home buyers while retaining the land upon which it is built in a community land trust.
 - 2. B&R currently owns 49 properties in Lawrence, Haverhill, and N. Andover. Most are duplexes with some single-family homes.
- B. Small Grant Program Application and Agreement
 - 1. While a completed grant agreement is still in process, the application is ready to move forward.
 - a. Motion to accept application made by Donna and seconded by Kevin.
- C. Sue Brown, MBTA Meetings Recap
 - 1. June 20th was a remote meeting facilitated by the Town's consultant Team of Dodson & Flinker. The discussion was about multi-family options for the Town presented with graphics and maps.
 - 2. June 27 was an in-person Design Workshop where participants shared their thoughts and ideas about increasing housing diversity while, at the same time, meeting the requirements of the new MBTA legislation. Maps, models, and photos were used to explore density and design on 3 potential areas for rezoning.
- D. Review of Minutes and Financials
 - 1. Accepted with motion from Kevin and seconded by Karen
- E. Assignments for next meeting
 - 1. Any ideas for the new AHT website should be directed to Kevin.
 - 2. Annmary will send Wendy property addresses to view if needed.
 - 3. Wendy will work on the Grant Agreement.
 - 4. Next meeting August 9th 6pm

Meeting adjourned 745pm