

## ***Affordable Housing Trust Meeting Minutes, November 27, 2023***

**Members Present:** Member Wheeler, Member Mills, Member White

Online: Member Ackerman, Chair Warner, Michael Canales-Town Manager, Hans Morris, Attorney N Arienti, Reporter- Clarence Fanto, Cotta?, Jan Marks

**Donation of land** has been proposed from Hans and Kate Morris on Cherry St for AH. 34 Acres located off of Glendale Middle Rd. Adjacent to town land used for a solar field and a cell tower. ½ mile up from the bridge is access to 80 ft frontage, entry point, south has power lines. ....Mostly wooded now. In addition to the 80 ft access, town water goes through the property, town sewer is nearby.

We need to access the land. What is buildable? There are 3 DEP wetland spots. Work around those. There is a possibility to have walking trails. Explore, see what is doable. What kind of housing..Mixed or AH?.

Hans strongly believes Stockbridge needs more AH. Suggested use 40B to build units and open space that would be open to the rest of the town. Beautiful addition and would offer affordable homes to employees around town.

With this donation, the cost of the overall development would be less than if the AHT had to buy a property.

Member White: Thanks to the Morris's for such a gift as this. 40B works in this case. Zoning will work through the zoning board of appeals. It will be kept in the character of the neighborhood.

As a board, do we accept to pursue the survey of the land, solicit bids for the survey.

Michael C ~ due diligence, MC will get the costs together and speak to town counsel. Title search?

R-1 area. The proposal would have the structures closer together so as not to cut more trees down than necessary. The frontage needs to be addressed.

Work closely with the neighbors and the community to ensure than everyone has a say and create a cohesive community.

There could be a buffer with the trees and the neighbors. It will be hidden away and barely visible... low impact.

**Motion to approve** by Member White and seconded by Member Wheeler. All in favor.

**Noted:** Nick Arienti:

We need a letter of intent between both parties drafted and submitted for approval by the Morris's the AHT

Further down the road . Process and how it's going to work. And acceptance by the town.

Engineering wil need to be addressed

Nick and Donna will come up with a draft for the board.

***Respectfully submitted,***

Elisabeth Wheeler, Affordable Housing Trust Fund Committee Member

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