

**TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE, MA  
50 MAIN STREET  
HOUSING TRUST COMMITTEE MINUTES  
OCTOBER 4, 2021 AT 6 PM**

1. **SELECT BOARD MEMBER PATRICK WHITE CALLED THIS FIRST MEETING TO ORDER AT 6 PM.**
2. **COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: PATRICK WHITE, JAY BIKOFSKY, MARK MILLS AND TOM SHARPE. NANCY SOCHA WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.**

**TOWN GOVERNMENT ATTENDEES: MICHAEL CANALES**

3. **PATRICK WHITE INTRODUCED THE HOUSING TRUST SUBJECT MENTIONING THAT THE TOWN HAD APPROVED \$100,000.00 PURSUANT TO THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING A STOCKBRIDGE HOUSING TRUST AT THE MOST RECENT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON JUNE 12, 2021.**

**HE MENTIONED THAT THE DETAILS OF THE HOUSING TRUST PROGRAM FOR LITTLETON, MA. HAD BEEN CIRCULATED TO EACH COMMITTEE MEMBER. THIS INFORMATION, HE ADDED, WOULD BE USED AS BACKGROUND FOR THE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, STARTUP AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR A STOCKBRIDGE PROGRAM. JAY BIKOFSKY MENTIONED THAT THERE WERE EXISTING PROGRAMS FOR GREAT BARRINGTON, LENOX AND WILLIAMSTOWN AND THIS INFORMATION WOULD ALSO BE CIRCULATED. THE FOCUS OF THE TOWN PROGRAM WAS THEN DISCUSSED TO INCLUDE FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS, AS WELL AS THE ELDERLY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

4. **SELECTMAN WHITE THEN ASKED EACH OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES.**
5. **THE MATTER OF ELECTING A COMMITTEE CHAIR WAS RAISED. MARK MILLS MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE JAY BIKOFSKY SECONDED BY PATRICK WHITE. A VOTE WAS CALLED AND THE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT, 4-0.**
6. **THE COMMITTEE BRIEFLY DISCUSSED A PRELIMINARY FOCUS OF THE TRUST TO INCLUDE FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS DOWN PAYMENT GRANTS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE ELDERLY TO BE FURTHER EXPLORED.**
7. **OTHER BUSINESS: THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT A NEXT MEETING WOULD BE SCHEDULED THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18-20TH.**

**MICHAEL CANALES REMINDED THE COMMITTEE OF THE OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING NO DISCUSSION, DELIBERATION OR DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION OUTSIDE OF A SCHEDULED MEETING.**

8. **THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED, 6:25 PM.**