

**TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE, MA.
50 MAIN STREET
HOUSING TRUST COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022 AT 4PM**

- 1. CHAIR BIKOFSKY CALLED THIS VIRTUAL MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:03 PM.**
- 2. COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: PATRICK WHITE, JAY BIKOFSKY, MARK MILLS, TOM SHARPE AND NANCY SOCHA
TOWN GOVERNMENT ATTENDEES: MICHAEL CANALES
OTHER ATTENDEES: STEVE BORNES**
- 3. THE DRAFT MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2021 WERE PRESENTED AND A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE BY NANCY SOCHA AND SECONDED BY MARK MILLS. A VOTE WAS CALLED AND THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED 4-0 (TOM SHARPE HAD NOT AS YET JOINED THE MEETING).**
- 4. AT A PREVIOUS MEETING, THE MATTER OF TAX LIEN PROPERTIES WAS RAISED BY MARK MILLS. CHAIR BIKOFSKY REVIEWED FOR THE COMMITTEE THE LISTING OF UPDATED TOWN PROPERTIES PRESENTLY IN TAX TITLE, COPIES OF WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED TO THE COMMITTEE.**
- 5. THE CHAIR THEN INTRODUCED THE PRINCIPAL MEETING TOPIC, DISCUSSION OF A STOCKBRIDGE HOUSING TRUST DRAFT DECLARATION, TO BE REVIEWED WITH THE COMMITTEE BY MICHAEL CANALES.**
 - NAME OF THE TRUST: MICHAEL CANALES WAS ASKED BY THE CHAIR AND MARK MILLS IF “AFFORDABLE” HAD TO BE INCLUDED. MICHAEL INDICATED THAT HE WOULD CHECK WITH LEGAL.**
 - PURPOSE OF THE TRUST: A DRAFT PURPOSE OF THE TRUST WAS THEN REVIEWED FOR THE COMMITTEE AND GENERALLY ACCEPTED.**
 - COMPOSITION OF THE TRUST BOARD: THIS SECTION WAS PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE. QUESTIONS RAISED INCLUDED THE NUMBER ON THE BOARD (7), LENGTH OF TERMS (3 YEARS) AND WHETHER OR NOT TERMS SHOULD BE STAGGERED. OTHER DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND WHETHER OR NOT PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBERS MUST BE LEGAL RESIDENTS AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY CAN SERVE CONCURRENTLY ON OTHER TOWN HOUSING COMMITTEES.**
 - POWERS OF THE TRUSTEES: WITH RESPECT TO THE PRESENTATION OF THIS SECTION, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE INQUIRED IF A MAJORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTE WOULD BE NECESSARY IN BUYING OR DISPERSING ASSETS. MICHAEL INDICATED HE WOULD REVIEW THIS WITH COUNSEL.**

- **LIMITATION ON POWERS OF TRUSTEES:** MICHAEL MENTIONED TO THE COMMITTEE THAT ANY DEBT INCURRED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A PLEDGE OF FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE TOWN. THE QUESTION WAS RAISED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIABILITY POLICY WOULD BE PURCHASED FOR THIS BOARD AND A RESPONSE REQUIRED.
- **MEETINGS:** MICHAEL THEN MENTIONED THAT QUARTERLY TRUST MEETINGS WERE CUSTOMARY.

MICHAEL CANALES CONCLUDED THIS DISCUSSION INDICATING THAT HE WOULD BE SENDING COUNSEL A DRAFT DOCUMENT FOR REVIEW AS WELL AS A REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE POINTS MADE AT THIS MEETING. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD BE RESEARCHING THE BACKGROUNDS OF PROSPECTIVE TRUSTEES IN SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS.

6. **THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE CHAIR CALLED FOR MEETING AJOURNMENT AT 4:45 PM.**