

Carlisle Affordable Housing Trust
Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2023
Zoom Meeting

Members present: Chris Johnson, Mark Levitan, Kate Reid, Beverly Shorey, Brian Waterson

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Old Business

HPP

Discussion about the latest changes to the HPP, as proposed by the Planning Board (PB). Mr. Levitan made a motion to not accept the latest changes, and to request a vote from the PB as is (except for typos). Mr. Waterson seconded it. The motion was carried unanimously.

Benfield-Key Fobs

Ms. Johnson had no word as to whether Town Counsel was contacted by the CPC about using CPA funds for the key fobs. Ms. Reid agreed to talk to the Town Administrator.

Grant application for hydrological study

Ms. Reed stated that there was no news about the grant, and that generally means it wasn't approved.

Committee reorganization

Ms. Ing has tendered her resignation from the Trust. Ms. Shorey will take the minutes, indefinitely. Ms. Johnson will put in the Town Newsletter that the Trust is looking for new members.

New business

Land Acquisitions

Ms. Reid will investigate two properties, one on Old Quarry Drive and one on Russell Street. The first property has no buildings and is for sale for \$475,000 for 4 acres. It was discussed whether the Trust should hire a consultant to help us through the process of buying land and finding a developer to create affordable housing on it. We could investigate the possibility of creating a Community Land Trust, which would own the land and the affordable housing would lease it, like Benfield. Mr. Waterson agreed to investigate different resources, in order to find a consultant.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Johnson moved to approve the June 20, 2023 minutes, Mr. Levitan seconded. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Next meeting: 9/11/23 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was recessed at 8:03 pm.

The meeting was reconvened with the PB at 9:17pm.

HPP

There was discussion on how to address the latest HPP changes and Ms. Reid said that the Trust would not accept the latest changes, as suggested by the PB. There was a discussion of changing the paragraph in the HPP that stated the Trust should use 40B as a permitting tool. The PB then decided to vote on accepting the HPP, without the latest changes, and there were four votes for acceptance and one against, so the motion carried.

Mr. Levitan moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Shorey seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Shorey, Co-Chair

Minutes approved on 9/11/2023