



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

ELIHU THOMSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
22 MONUMENT AVENUE, SWAMPSCOTT, MA 01907

MEMBERS

Kimberly Martin-Epstein, Chair
Joan Honig
Eleanor Zambrano
Aaron Berdofe
David Grishman

Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2023

Scheduled Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Virtual via Teams

Present:

Kimberly Martin-Epstein, Marianne McDermott, Joan Honig, David Grisham, Marzie Galazka, Aaron Berdofe, Eleanor Zambrano.

Meeting began with a discussion of moving the vote on the February 7 minutes to the next meeting. The group was updated on several affordable housing projects or proposed projects.

491 Humphrey St, owned by Charlie Patsios, has no new update.

Elm Place. AHT agreed to give \$50,000 to the project and will be holding at that amount. The project was awarded \$250,000 in local HOME funds.

There was no update from the Pitman House/Habitat project.

The Town has submitted an MBTA Zoning Action Plan to the Commonwealth. Bowler Engineering is consulting on this effort. Bowler looked at the land around the train station and some of the land in Vinnin Square. This zoning is Housing By Right which is a factor when looking at land in Vinnin Square.

There was discussion of inclusionary zoning being included in the MBTA zoning.

There was discussion around Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

ADU's, Accessory Dwelling Units, are being discussed by town committees. The first public meeting discussing ADU's was well attended. There is a goal of having a draft by-law go to the April Planning Board meeting in time for Town Meeting later in the month.

AHT members will work to craft a statement of support of ADU's.

The next meeting is tentative for March 29th at 5:30.