

Whately Housing Committee
Minutes
Meeting of February 21, 2018 6:05 p.m.
4 Sandy Lane

Attending: Fred Baron, Fred Orloski, Richard Tillberg, Catherine Wolkowicz

Absent:

1. Richard called the meeting to order at 6:26 pm.
2. It was moved (FB) and seconded (FO) to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2017 meeting. Unanimously approved.
3. Smikes House Agreement Update – Fred Baron updated the group that the Select Board had not taken action on the agreement as the Housing Committee had not met to approve the new agreement as amended by Fred based on prior group discussions. Therefore, Fred made a motion that the January 8th document emailed by him to be reviewed by the group members be approved as the final version to be accepted by the housing committee. The group unanimously approved this version. Fred Baron will update the Select Board.
4. The group agreed that a \$200 budget for the Committee was adequate for FY19.
5. Catherine brought up the idea of a survey of residents regarding the future use of funds. There was discussion about using available funds for housing programs or property. The current consensus was to continue to pursue the LaSalle property and to discuss the survey at another meeting.
6. Richard updated the group that Habitat for Humanity had notified him that they wouldn't be interested in the LaSalle Road site unless it was presented to them "clean", as in cleared of home and all debris. Richard spoke with an Environmental Assessment company who would review the costs to clean up the site for us. It was agreed not to move forward with assessment costs until the owners were contacted regarding the potential purchase of the property. Catherine agreed to make the call to the property owner.
7. Catherine also mentioned that MHP has created a "toolbox" or resource kit that is now available to assist small communities with housing production. They may also be able to assist Whately to assess the site.
8. A motion was moved (RT) and seconded (FB) to adjourn at 7:08 pm. Unanimously approved.

The next Housing Committee meeting will be Wednesday, March 21, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Catherine Wolkowicz