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Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 1, 2020
Via ZOOM 6:30PM

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING AND ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7735500929?pwd=aHZNWWpUdEthXBGZzIrajFMa3hidz09>

Meeting ID: 773 550 0929
Passcode: 876933

1. Preliminaries:
 - 1.1.Call to Order: Chair
 - 1.2.Roll Call: Chaz and Courtney present. LS and NC absent
2. 630PM Joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss COVID-19 Rental and mortgage assistance and the THA Affordable Housing Trust. CSD explained that there are funds for the state for rental and mortgage assistance. To receive the funds, the Housing Trust would need to be created. Upon creation, the Trust Fund would need to sign on an agency to administer the funds. The Housing Authority has a boilerplate trust agreement that CSD would like to send to the BOS, Town Administrator and Town Council to review. Five volunteers would sit on the Trust Fund Board, and members of the community have already offered their services. Veronica Kell (VK) asked about the process for approval of the Trust Agreement; CSD explained that Town Council would need to go over it to make sure it is in line with the Town Charter, make any necessary changes and then submit the document to the BOS for review/approval. Town Administrator Jim Kreidler (JK) said he believed that the (COVID) funds have an expiration date, expressing his concerns in expediting this process. CSD said that although there may be a deadline on these funds, having the Trust set up and running would allow the Town the opportunity apply for not only these funds, but potentially any other (grants/opportunities) the State had in the future. JK said that the Central Mass Housing Alliance does have a listing online that has this program in place and Townsend is on the list as a participant.
Adjourn joint meeting at 6:40PM.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Respectfully submitted



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Laura E Shifrin, Chairman

Mission: “To promote, maintain and provide housing opportunities for income groups who could not otherwise afford to live here.”