

State Representative: Chaz Sexton-Diranian (2022)

Vice Chairman: Laura Shifrin (2022)

Clerk: Natalie Call (2024) Tenant Seat: Vacancy (2024)

Chairman: Courtney Borelli (2023)

### **MINUTES**

Thursday July 22, 2021 Via ZOOM 7:00PM

# THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING AND ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND TOWNSEND HOUSING AUTHORITY

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#### Preliminaries:

- 1.1 Chair called meeting to order at 7:03PM
- 1.2 Roll Call showed Chairman Courtney Borelli (CB), State Rep Chaz Sexton-Diranian (CSD), Vice Chairman Laura Shifrin (LS) and Clerk Natalie Call (NC) present.
- 1.3 Announced the meeting is being recorded
- 1.4 Pledge of Allegiance observed.



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1.5 Chairman's Additions/Deletions to Agenda unforeseen prior to 48 hours of this meeting-ADD -2.2.2 Update on the CBRF Program

-Laura Shifrin volunteer form- CSD moved to nominate LS as Vice Chair, NC seconded, Roll call vote unanimous.

1.6 State Representative Report- CSD reported that through the Department of Housing and Urban Development, through the Commonwealth of MA, there is a Zoning Act going through called the MBTA Zoning Act. CSD further explained that this section would be applicable to MBTA communities but was unable to ascertain if Townsend was considered such. CSD requested help in finding more about this. CB offered to research further into this and report back.

CSD also reported on the housing incentive that Gov. Baker has put through that will partially rely on the COVID funding, which the Gov would like to put towards housing bc the state is so far behind on Affordable Housing options. CSD will continue to keep the Board informed as things start to happen.

## 2. Appointments

- 2.1 Sheila Harrington, State Rep, (SH) joined the meeting
- 2.2 Jennifer Goldson-Discuss/presentation on HPP update 7:15PM

After introductions were made, Jennifer Goldson (JG) showed a presentation on prior projects, project scope, (updating the prior HPP from 2015) timelines, reviewed 40B basics as well as income limits to qualify for affordable housing, Townsend's housing challenges and data retrieval.

- 2.2.1 Vote to authorize Chair to sign contract. CSD moved to authorize the Chair to sign the contract. LS seconded. (\*NC left the meeting) Roll Call vote unanimous.
- 2.2.2 Joan Savoy, the Chair of the Townsend Affordable Housing Trust, reported on the CBRF rental/mortgage assistance program, saying that Town originally had \$100,000 and has paid out \$35,500, no new applications in the pipeline, JS keeps advertising on social media. CSD reported that the program has been extended to December 31, 2021.
  - 3. Work session:
- 3.1 Dudley Road Charitable trust to trust transfer update-CSD had a meeting with Town Counsel who is looking in to whether the transfer has to go to Town meeting for approval.
  - 3.2 Land Swap-tabled until next meeting.



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3.3 Master Plan/Housing Chapter Review- LS requested that the other members review the chapter and form responses for presenting to the Master Plan Committee.

- 3.4 Tenant Seat Process Update-no update at this point.
- 3.5 Town Webpage discussion. Tabled until the next meeting
- 3.6 Bills Payable. Housing Admin reported needing signatures on the bills payable. LS moved to have CSD sign off on the bills payable, CSD seconded, Roll call vote unanimous.
- 3.7 Correspondence/Clerk's Announcements-reviewed correspondence, no comments.
- 3.8 Approve meeting minutes. LS moved to approve the meeting minutes from June 24, 2021. CSD seconded. Roll call vote unanimous.

Next Meeting Date: August 19, 2021, at 7PM.

LS moved to adjourn at 9:21PM. CSD seconded. Roll call vote unanimous.