

Office of the **Townsend Housing Authority**

272 Main St., Townsend, MA. 01469

Laura E. Shifrin: Chairman (2021)

Carol J Tule: Clerk (2023)

BetteAnn Coleman: Tennant Member (2020)

Natalie Call: General Member (2019)

Chaz Sexton-Diranian: State Representative (2022)

Draft of Minutes of Friday, October 19, 2018 Senior Center Public Forum (Community Outreach) THIS MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was a sign in sheet for attendance Refreshment were Compliments of Bailey's Bar and Grill

- I. Preliminaries:
- 1.1 Laura Shifrin called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.
- 1.2 Roll Call: Natalie Call, BetteAnn Coleman, Chaz Sexton-Diranian, Laura Shifrin, Carol Tule
- 1.3 Chairman Shifrin Announced that the Meeting was being recorded-will appear on youtube.
- 1.4 Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance
- 1.5 Additions/Deletions to agenda unforeseen prior to 48 hrs of this meeting: Introduce State Representative Sheila Harrington.

Self introductions of those residents in attendance. Sue Lisio, Sheila Harrington, Mr. and Mrs Kim Buckingham, Russel Moore, Jane Jackson representing the Council on Aging, Lisa Felty and John Downing, Executive Vice President of Soldier On, Chief Bailey, 4 others (may be on sign in sheet)

- 1.6 Motion made, seconded and approved the Approval of minutes of the Wed. Oct. 3rd
- 1.7 Chairman's Report: LS stated that she already made her remarks (Thanking Bailey's for the refreshments and Gary's Too for the floral arrangements.)
- 1.8 MA. State Housing Rep. Summary of how we got here was given by Chaz.

Introduction of special guests: Chairman introduced

- II. PRESENTATION BY SOLDIER ON was made by Representative John (Jack) Downing.
- III. Question and answer period ensued

There was discussion on other parcels of land that may be available. Most that Town owns is not buildable. Chairman Publicly asked for anyone interested in donating land to the Town that would be a buildable parcel the THA could consider for our next Affordable housing/Veterans Housing please contact Chaz at Housing@townsend.ma.us

Chairman announced another public forum/outreach needed in 2019 in order to write and present the Housing Plan to the Town in 2020 for Atty General approval.

Sheila again suggested the meeting with Claire from State regarding funding process.

It was agreed that we need to get a good plan in place with a timeline.

Townsend Website has a page for Townsend Housing Authority where all meetings can be viewed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 Rm. 2 lower level Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

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