

# Longmeadow Housing Authority

## Minutes

9/28/2022 7pm

Meeting called to order at 7pm

Attendance: Present: David Marinelli (June 2027) Brian Crawford (June 2024) Donna Burrall (MDHCD appointment)

Absent: Ronald Manseau (June 2023) Vacant (Tenant member)

Members of the public

- none

1. Approve Previous meetings minutes

Minutes not distributed in enough time to review

2. Public Comments

none

3. Possible Guest Speaker

none

4. Recruit Tenant Member

Select board will interview candidates after town meeting (10/25). There is a warrant article to change town charter to bring us into compliance with Massachusetts General Law. This will give us:

- three members elected to Authority

- one member appointed by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

- one tenant member appointed by select board

5. Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Guidebook (2009) was discussed. Establishment of an Affordable Housing Trust was one of the first tier recommendations of the 2010 Longmeadow Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan (HPP). Having and funding such a Trust with Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds would allow the Town to act on affordable housing opportunities that come up between Town Meetings. Consensus was that establishing such a Trust would only succeed with the support of the Select Board and Town Manager. Dave will reach out to both to gauge interest. He will also investigate other town's methods for utilizing CPA funds for affordable housing.

6. Ideas for FY2023 CPA application – Assistant Town Manager and Planning Director has suggested we consider applying for funds to update the 2010 HPP. The original plan was funded with an \$11,825 grant from the CPA. DHCP recommends (requires?) that HPPs be updated every 5 years. Considering the relative stability of housing conditions in Longmeadow over the last decade, there was consensus that before applying to Town Meeting for CPA funds to update the plan (estimated at \$15,000-\$25,000) we should see if any of the first tier recommendations in the original plan could be implemented. Dave will approach the Planning Board to see if they would support a zoning change to allow Accessory Dwelling Units. See also #5 above.

7. Any other new business - none

Set next meeting date for October 19th at 7p assuming we can get a quorum.