



Southampton Housing Authority (SHA)

**James Seney, Chair
Janet Cain, Clerk
Sierra Simmons, Member**

Date: March 7, 2022

Location: Remote via Zoom

Time: 6:00PM

Attendees: Janet Cain, Jim Seney and Sierra Simmons, Joy Piper (Select Board Liaison); Sarah Stine, Planning Board; Ken Comia, PVPC; Terry Ann Hoog (resident)

1. Called meeting to order at 6:02 PM
2. Open Time - no comments
3. Minutes approved unanimously
4. Updates to the Housing Production Plan
 - Ken explained that more recent data points had been forwarded to him by Janet Cain. Some examples include the increase in Latino population to 3.1% from less than 1%; white population has declined; age categories were adjusted and numbers that reflect occupied and unoccupied housing.
 - Ken clarified that the \$1.7 million in CPA was the total amount available; he is still trying to clarify what the \$115,000 represents (will work with Treasurer's Collector's office).
 - A motion was made by Cain to forward the new plan to the State for feedback and validation; seconded by Simmons; unanimously approved.
 - Jim will email Ed Gibson, Town Administrator, Jennifer Day, Treasurer Collector and Bradley Okscin, Town Accountant, to confirm or deny if an affordable housing fund exists in Southampton as referenced in the previous HPP.
 - Sierra to confirm CPA funds at this time.

- Question was asked by Jim how the % of funds were divided in Southampton. Joy stated that it should be found in the Community Preservation Act at the State.

5. MHP Grant update

- There is a zoom meeting schedule on March 9 with Massachusetts Housing Partnership to discuss timeline and goals for the Grant.

6. Old Business

- Recruitment - another 20 letters were mailed to Southampton residents
- Update on potential property for sale or Town owned - Middle Road will be costly to perc; the original offer was withdrawn on the East Street Chapter property where Janet and Sierra met with Hilltown CDC. We do not know why it was withdrawn.
- Update via email from Todd Barron on the Canon/ Barron proposed mixed community:
 - “Bob Canon and I sent a letter to the Southampton Housing Authority two weeks ago in which we said regretfully that we decided to stop pursuing the purchase and development of the Labrie parcel. Since our last email to you, we learned that the parcel is in Zone 2 of the aquifer protection grid. This fact severely limited the number of units that might be built on the parcel and it would require that a private, centralized sewerage treatment plant be built to service the development. Factoring in the projected costs of building and maintaining this sewerage treatment plant, coupled with the limitation on units, the development costs became prohibitive. One further note: it is likely that the commercial parcels that would abut the development, and which were not part of our proposed land purchase and housing development, would have to be serviced by the sewerage treatment plant we would build for our development. We are available to discuss our findings if the Housing Authority wishes. Bob and I remain committed to building affordable housing in our communities.”

7. Next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2022 at 6:00 via Zoom

8. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Janet L. Cain, Clerk, SHA