



NATICK AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time **Tuesday July 11, 2023, 7:30pm**

Meeting Format **Virtual / Zoom Meeting**

Present	NAHT	Vote 1 Metro West Grant Agreement	Vote 2 June 13 Meeting Minutes	Vote 3 Meeting Adjournment
Absent	Randy Johnson			
X	Ganesh Ramachandran, Chair	Y	Y	Y
X	Glenn Kramer – Vice Chair	Y	Y	Y
X	Greg Bazaz	Y	Y	Y
X	Jay Ball	Y	Y	Y
Absent	Kathryn Coughlin			
X	Chris Therrien	Y	Y	Y
Absent	Gonzalo Puigbo			
X	David Fishman	Y	Y	Y

Also attending: Brodie Thomas
Kriti Bhushan

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- 1) Call to Order
[Meeting called to order by Chair- G. Ramachandran at 7:32 PM](#)
- 2) Public Speak
[None](#)
- 3) Main Discussion Topics:
 - a) Subcommittee Updates
 - Strategic Planning
 - [Finalize the documents by end of summer](#)
 - 5 Auburn St
 - Finalize details for “Meet the Developer” Event
 - [Potentially in August](#)

- Pre-development funding discussion
 - J Ball- Motion to authorize 15,500 to be granted to the Metro West for the purposes of conducting a base plan survey for 5 auburn St. subject to approval of grant agreement between the Affordable Housing Trust and Metro West, Second G. Bazaz **V#1 6-0-0**
- Bacon Street
 - No Update at this meeting
- RHSO Liaison
 - Part of the consortium
 - G. Ramachandran will provide feedback on value they provide
- b) 246 North Main updates
 - G. Ramachandran to follow up on the new director
- c) Update on NHA Project (Greg Bazaz)
 - G. Bazaz updated the Trust members that project is being executed as planned
- d) CDAC processes and requirements to secure HOME funds to make a unit (or units) at Cedar Gardens accessible. (Chris T)
 - Trust members discussed this topic and agreed to remove from the agenda
- e) Renovation of two Housing Authority duplex units at 16 and 36 Bennett St that are circa 1960's. (Chris T)
 - Trust members discussed this topic and agreed to remove from the agenda
- f) MAPC grants- accessory by law
 - See comments in item i below
- g) MHP Housing (education event once a year)
 - Remove from Agenda
- h) R. Johnson employment disclosure.
 - Not discussed as R. Johnson was not present
- i) Potential new Subcommittees
 - Accessory Dwelling Units
 - The new sub-committee will support this policy initiative and work with the Town and assist with increasing house supply
 - D. Fishman to check in with Reggie and update the Trust members
- 4) Standing Items
 - a) Budget Update – Brodie Thomas
 - Brodie provided an update
- 5) Brief Updates
 - a) New Members
 - Two new members appointed, Sue Crossley and Reggie Leese
 - b) CPA Update
 - G. Bazaz to apply for CPC membership
 - c) Community Outreach Update
 - Natick Affordable Housing Teach- In event
 - Event was held on June 28
 - Natick Days
 - Scheduled for September 9, from 10:00am to 3:00pm
 - Volunteer for this event G. Puigbo
 - KB to set up a doodle poll for Trust Members to sign-up and volunteer for 2 hrs. at the booth on September 9

- First Annual NAHT Speaker Series (Discuss results of Doodle Poll)
 - September 19, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
 - Amy Dian is available.
 - KB to book a library room for this event
- d) Upcoming Meeting Dates in 2023:
Aug 8, Sept 12 (Potentially Hybrid), Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12
- e) Review and approval of minutes from June 13, 2023 NAHT Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve G. Bazaz, Second J. Ball **V#2 6-0-0**
- f) Trust member reimbursements
 - None
- g) Future agenda items
 - None

Meeting adjourns Motion G. Bazaz, Second C. Therrien **V#3 6-0-0**