

MINUTES
Boxborough Housing Board Meeting
June 10, 2021
Via Zoom

Board Members Attending: Al Murphy (chair), Diane Friedman Ron Vogel, Channing Wagg
Board Members Not in Attendance: Dolores Fromer
Invited Guest: Les Fox, not in attendance
Other Guest: Rose Gage, in attendance

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, this Housing-Board meeting was conducted via Zoom. It was called to order by Chair Murphy at 7:35 p.m. and attendance taken.

I. Information Item

Chair Murphy commented briefly on the status of preliminary 72 Stow Road ground-water tests undertaken at the behest of the Building Committee. No problems have thus far presented themselves, and the analysis of the tests continues.

II. Minutes

May 13, 2021 Housing Board Meeting Minutes were presented and reviewed. A motion was made to approve, this was seconded, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

III. Old Business

- A. Boxborough Rental Assistance Program:
 - a. Rose Gage reported that her case load was increasing and that she has identified about six households for which the BRAP might be of interest.
 - b. Chair Murphy review BRAP publicity assignments and then went on to review the updated BRAP Application and Participant Re-Certification Forms. Then ensued comments about various aspects of the forms and one or two changes were approved by unanimous vote thereby authorizing the forms for downloading from the town's website.

IV. New Business

- A. Future Meeting Venues
 - a. Chair Murphy reviewed various meeting venue options in the process of becoming available due to the easing of COVID-19 restrictions. In general, it is preferred that the Housing Board meet at town hall so that all members can be accommodated either by personal attendance or by Zoom or telephone conference call. This appears to be allowable this summer and the Commonwealth will issue updated guidelines in the fall. The combination arrangement was approved for use by unanimous vote.
- B. Price of 72 Stow Road parcel
 - a. Chair Murphy commented that pricing related data had made its way into public cognizance over the past several months and then opined that the Housing Board ought to deliberate upon and then determine what it believes is a fair price for the

land in question. He offered several possibilities as to how such a determination could be made, and there were several thoughts of a general nature offered in response. It was agreed that members will give the topic more thought to enable discussion of the matter in greater detail at the next Housing Board Meeting.

V. Adjourn BHB Meeting

- A. A motion was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved by unanimous vote and the meeting closed at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Channing Wagg, meeting secretary