

Boxborough Housing Board
Minutes
Thursday, October 14, 2021
Town Hall, Boxborough, MA 01719

Housing Board Members Present: Al Murphy, Chair; Channing Wagg; Dolores Fromer, Ron Vogel (scribe)
Public meeting Participants: Boxborough Meadows residents Korinne Stephen and Jessi Robinson

I. Call to order and Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Al Murphy at 7:32.

The Minutes from the 9 September 2021 meeting were approved by all members present.

II. Old Business:

A. Status of Boxborough Rental Assistance Program (BRAP)

Al reported that the information he has received from Rose Gage that we currently have fourteen households signed up for the program. With people coming and going it will average out to twelve for the year, consistent with funding.

B. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

An extensive list of ARPA proposals was distributed for informational purposes. The total amount available for to Boxborough is \$1,731,567. It was noted that several items listed did not seem to fit the requirements. The Town Administration and Boxborough Select Board (BSB) are currently discussing the distribution of these funds.

III. New Business:

A. New Members.

Korinne Stephens and Jessi Robinson, residents of Boxborough Meadows, were in attendance. They continue to be interested in joining the Boxborough Housing Board (BHB). Ron Vogel moved, and Channing Wagg seconded, that we recommend to the BSB their appointment. The motion passed unanimously.

There followed extensive discussion on the problems facing representation of 40B participants on the Homeowners Association. This has been discussed with Metro West CD. The BHB decided to pursue the matter with Town Counsel to better understand the Town's authority in this matter.

B. Evaluation of Master Plan Responses:

The committee discussed a summary of the BHB's actions in response to Boxborough2030, our Master Plan. One issue was whether we should update our Housing Production Plan (HPP), which has lapsed. The pertinent data from the 2020 census remains unavailable. While it is likely that Boxborough will remain above the 10% Mandate, we cannot be certain absent this data.

Under Action 6.1.2.2, we felt that Down Payment Assistance Program could have some merit in fostering low-income families to purchase a home. We decided to investigate it.

IV. Adjourn BHB Meeting:

Channing Wagg moved, seconded by Dolores Fromer, that we adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

List of Documents/ Exhibits used:

Draft Minutes for the 9 September 2021 Housing Board meeting
List of submitted ARPA Proposals

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Master-Plan-Update summary

Respectfully submitted by Ron Vogel