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Minutes of Watertown Affordable Housing Trust Meeting May 21, 2024 6:03PM, Hybrid Participation

Attendance

Members present: Cliff Cook, Jill Hyde, Helen Oliver, and Leo Patterson. Zoe Weinrobe, David Leon and George Proakis were not present. Non-members present in person: Larry Field (staff) and Mary Rose. Non-members present remotely: Jacky VanLeeuwen, Alisa Gardner-Todreas, and Mark Krackiewicz.

I. Minutes of April 16, 2024 meeting

The minutes of the April 16, 2024 meeting were unanimously accepted.

II. Presentation on Design Considerations--Affordable Housing Developments

Leo made a presentation (attached) on affordable housing design considerations. The areas covered included: housing types, construction types and systems, design levels, performance and metrics, and certifications and trends. He also provided several project examples. Members asked questions, particularly on Passive House and other trends in sustainable development standards.

III. Update: Willow Park Redevelopment

Larry said POAH will hold community meetings on May 22 (in-person) and May 29 (remote). There will be a POAH presentation to the Trust and the Community Preservation Committee at the Trust's regularly scheduled June 18 meeting. This will be an informational presentation on the overall project and particularly on project costs and financing.

VI. Other Business

Larry said there will be a June 12 meeting of the City Council and Planning Board to review the Watertown Square Area Plan (subsequently changed to June 13.)

VII. Executive Session

Cliff said there was information to discuss in executive session pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(6), particularly to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property where an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. The trustees voted unanimously to go into executive session and a motion to adjourn the public meeting passed unanimously at approximately 7:17 PM.