

Affordable Housing Committee Meeting

9-3-25 at 6:30pm, Town Hall Large Conference Room

Attendees-Debra Franceschini, Kevin Brown, Sharon Coleman, Krista Willett, Sheryl Knapp

Absent-Kent Roher, Lori Mazzola, Andrea Beeb, Tim Vilinskis

The Affordable Housing Committee attended the Board of Selectpersons Public Hearing for establishment of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The below verbiage and actions took place at the public hearing and which was passed by the members of the public, and Board of Selectpersons to officially establish the Housing Trust Fund, with below verbiage.

a. Kevin Brown described the objectives of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

1b. c. d. e. Rudy Marconi asked if additional treasurer responsibilities are required by the language

“shall” versus “may.”

Another homeowner asked what’s the downside of not establishing this fund and how can the community be sure that they won’t be taxed to fund this. Rudy Marconi explained that not having the fund means not being able to fund affordable housing. The income sources are defined as fees, grants, and donations.

A homeowner requested language to restrict collecting taxes from the Ridgefield residents to fund the trust. Language was discussed and finalized.

Another homeowner asked how funds will be spent. Rudy Marconi explained that the

Affordable Housing Committee submits a request for trust funds. A public hearing and town meeting would be required for the Housing Committee to purchase any property.

Public Hearing was adjourned at 8:23 pm.