



*Office of the*  
**Townsend Housing Authority**  
272 Main St., Townsend, MA. 01469

Laura E. Shifrin: Chairman (2021)

Carol J Tule: Clerk (2023)

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Natalie Call: General Member (2019)

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DRAFT OF MINUTES

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

ROOM 2 Lower Level of Town Hall

THIS WAS AN OPEN MEETING AND ALL WERE INVITED TO ATTEND

I. Preliminaries:

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.
2. Roll Call: BetteAnne Coleman, Carol Tule, Laura Shifrin, Chaz Sexton-Diranian and Natalie Call
3. Chairman announced that the meeting is being recorded
4. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all
5. Additions/Deletions to Agenda unforeseen prior to 48 hours of this meeting:  
None this evening
6. There were no minutes available to be approved at this meeting
7. Chairman's Report: LS wanted to thank BOS Chairman Sue Lisio for her attendance at the Public Forum (Community Outreach) on October 19th and her support in our efforts to move forward with our affordable housing project. Also a big thank you to the BOS efforts in the change of Town Counsel. New Counsel will be setting up a day a month where boards can avail themselves to chat with Counsel regarding their questions or concerns relative to their obligations responsibilities.
8. MA State Housing Representative Update: Chaz—requested meeting with new legal counsel. CT made a motion and NC seconded and all approved that Chaz and Laurie request a meeting to review past and present issues of the THA with new legal counsel. Laurie interjected that we had not yet received any information regarding the request for information on the \$10,000. CEDAC monies. Discussion regarding the video tape of the tour of the Soldier On be made public.

\*\*LS referenced an error on agenda to date of Public Forum Outreach was 10/24 instead of 10/19 — board agree to change that reference on the agenda. (which had been posted and no one caught the error)

II. Appointments: 7:00 p.m. Sheila Harrington

Discussion of next steps. It was moved seconded and unanimously approved to partner with Soldier On regarding our next affordable housing project.

Sheila Harrington arrived @ 7:10 p.m. Discussion on land had begun just prior.

In 2010 we were told there were no more HUD202 funds and looking into Veterans Housing was our next best hope for an affordable housing project.



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Discussion on land: Town owned land. Lengthly discussion regarding Dudley Rd property. It was agreed that a great deal of review with Town Counsel was needed. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to move forward with the last parcel on the Dudley Rd property that has been delineated on a recorded plan.

III. Work Session:

3.0 Chaz spoke regarding setting up joint meetings with other boards that we work with. Everyone agreed. IE: Planning Board, Zoning, Conservation Board of Health, Veterans agent—all are involved in one way or another.

Sheila suggested that she and Chaz as State Rep meeting with the Funding agent, Claire, at the state level sooner rather than later. Soldier On did state that they would help with feasibility study and funding. Sheila will get back to us with a date to set up to meet with Claire hopefully in November rather than later.

The chair called on a resident (not able to attend on the 18th) who came to speak to us about Soldier On. Kathy Knox, Townsend resident, who has had personal experience with Soldier On. She is very supportive of Soldier On coming to Townsend. They do a very good job with services for Veterans.

3.1 Mail: Carol —Nov 5th hearing legal notice all encouraged to read and attend

3.2 DHCD (Department of Housing and Community Development) Chaz-no report

3.3 Budget preparation: not acted on at this meeting

LS made a public plea for a videographer

Next Meeting Date: TBD

A Motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

CC: Kathy Spofford, Town Clerk