



Housing Plan Implementation Committee

Date: November 5, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Ben Bradlow, Pam Hallett, Karen Kelleher, Jonathan Nyberg, Jenny Raitt, Patricia Worden, Erin Zwirko.

The Committee debriefed the Select Board hearing that was held on November 4. The Select Board voted unanimously to support the warrant article, and will finalize their vote and recommendation during the November 9th meeting. Two members of the public expressed support for the warrant article as well.

Erin noted that the Article is on the Town Meeting consent agenda, but any Town Meeting Member may request that the article be taken off the consent agenda for discussion.

The Committee then turned to outreach, specifically the frequently asked questions (FAQ) and the editorial. Erin prepared the FAQ for the Committee's review. Patricia provided some edits to the document that were accepted. She also recommended that the FAQ should include a reference that 40B developments and residential uses in the industrial districts would not be eligible for funding through the trust. None of the other members were in agreement with Patricia's recommendation, so it was not included.

The members discussed whether a reference to the real estate transfer fee should be included in the list of possible revenue sources. Ultimately, the members decided to reference fees from special bylaws in the FAQ.

Finally, the group discussed the editorial. Erin indicated that there is one more Arlington Advocate edition before the start of Town Meeting, and the deadline is November 6 to submit. The members included examples of activities that were undertaken by other trusts that may be relevant to Arlington. There was also a request to include a data reference that speaks to the need in Arlington. The members decided that they would list their names as members of the Committee. Ben made motion to submit the editorial with updated data. Jonathan seconded the motion. The Committee voted affirmatively via a roll call vote.

The meeting summaries from October 20 and October 30 were deferred to a future meeting. The Committee did not schedule another meeting before the regularly scheduled December 3 meeting date.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.