

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, April 26, 2018

Present: Susan McCloskey  
Kevin VanHise, Chairperson  
Murali Mallampati (6:38 p.m.)  
Mary McKillip  
Keva Stewart

Absent: None

Excused Absence: Peter Ferrone  
Jean Washington  
Jarnail Tucker  
Christopher Bobbitt, Council Liaison

Also Present: Andrew Link, Liaison  
Susan Snook, Secretary

**Statement of Adequate Notice:**

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.R.S. 10:4-10, specifying the date, time and place of the meeting.

**Welcome New Members:**

The Board members welcomed Keva Stewart to the Board. Chairperson VanHise stated he spoke with Joyce Scott and said she did send a letter in; however, she has not heard anything yet and he told her to follow up with Christopher Bobbitt.

**Minutes:**

The March 22, 2018 minutes were approved per unanimous vote.

**Public Participation (for items not on agenda):**

None

**Expiring Affordable Controls:**

Mr. Link stated there are for sale units that, for most part, were restricted for 30 years and some of them were built back in 1987 and 1988 and are dealing with the expiration of those controls. We intend to encourage people to extend the controls by offering them a \$5,000.00 inducement to do so and also involves bringing their units up to code for deficiencies. We are still feeling our way through that and our Attorney just produced draft documents that we need in order to extend the controls, so this is starting to creep forward.

Chairperson VanHise asked how many are set in the settlement agreement and are we getting credits for those. Mr. Link stated there are 105 with expiring controls, how many we have done to date is unquestionable by our Special Master, so not sure.

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Mr. Link stated we have to this point been extending controls by when someone buys a unit and we have the new owners sign a new set of 30-year controls so we submitted most of those already done with extension of controls. So we will see how many we have once this is finalized. But that did not involve fixing up the units, and they had to have the resale inspections and any deficiencies corrected, so that was not an issue. Special Master McKinsey questioned the length of the controls and had they not been extended when they had expired, those types of questions.

**Township Actions:**

Mr. Link stated these are units that the Township has bought at Sheriff's sale which were affordable units that were in foreclosure.

- 1319 Colts Circle: closing will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month.
- 34 Chamberlin Court: closing will be by the end of next month, May.
- 232 Federal Point Boulevard: we bought it at a Sheriff's sale back in January, we are still waiting to get the deed from the Sheriff's office; however, they stated they sent it us but no one has received it. Our Attorney is getting a duplicate made. Once we receive it, we will enter the property to see what kind of condition it is in and we will fix it up and sell it to an income eligible household.

**Housing Rehabilitation Program:**

Mr. Link stated there is nothing new to report. We have a housing rehabilitation program for income households that are eligible. They are eligible up to \$25,000.00 in rehab work that involves a major system and windows count. We have a consultant that runs the program for us and she is reaching out to a lot of people. She has applications in place but at the moment we have no active rehab projects.

**Updated Status of Changes at State Level:**

Chairperson VanHise spoke about West Windsor having a decision pending and are challenging the mathematical calculations in some of the data sets that were used in the calculations for the obligations. They are also moving for a determination on the 1,000 unit cap.

Princeton has not challenged Judge Jacobson's ruling and in the process of preparing its plan and have a return date in July for an evaluation.

Since Judge Jacobson's decision is out, some of the other judges have started to dust off their files and tabulating, using the methodology she determined, how that would replicate around the State.

Still no news from COAH and Governor Murphy has no interest in reactivating COAH at this time, so it looks like it will remain in the Courts for the foreseeable future.

**Other Business:**

None

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**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Digital audio file of this meeting is available upon request.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan J. Snook  
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved: May 24, 2018