



OBSERVER REPORT

FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE (FHC) – June 27, 2022 at the Jacobi Community Center and via Zoom LWVM Observer – Bonnie Grenier

Members Present -Debby Larkin, Dirk Isbrandtsen, Mimi Hollister, Teri McDonough, Deacon Joseph Whipple, Katie Farrell, Frank Evans,

An affordable unit at Intrepid Circle (a 40B project) became available and with the assistance of the assistance of CHAPA (Citizens Housing and Planning Association) and the First Time Homebuyers Fund, an Afghan refugee couple has bought the condo. Salem Five has assisted with the financing. This is a complicated process and Teri mentioned that the Marblehead Counseling Center would like to work with first time homebuyers to help them navigate the process.

There are no updates on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF). It will need a functional structure to make it work effectively.

The HPPIC (Housing Production Plan Implementation Committee) hasn't met in quite a while. It was questioned why that committee hasn't moved forward with the Coffin School project and the Request for Interest from developers.

Debby Larkin and Dirk Isbrandtsen hope to schedule a meeting in July with Thatcher Kezer, the new town administrator to talk about the work of the Fair Housing Committee.

There needs to be a meeting with the Select Board to push for support for moving forward with the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. As new Chairman of the Select Board (SB), Moses should be approached to appoint a liaison from the SB to the FHC.

The North Shore YMCA has been working on developing affordable housing in several locations on the North Shore. The FHC would like to connect with their VP of Project Management to learn more about what they are doing and how they might work with the Lynch/van Otterloo YMCA on affordable housing.