

## EGREMONT HOUSING COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF MEETING

January 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. Attending were committee members Richard Allen, Judi Goodman, Mark Holmes, Bruce Kafenbaum, Elizabeth Keen, Doug Mishkin and Bob Noonan. Egremonters Mary McGurn, Pat Murtagh, James Dipisa and Lisa Balestro also attended all or part of the meeting. Invited guests Susan Witt and Angela Lomanto attended part of the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of December 5 were approved unanimously.

Susan Witt described the Berkshire Community Land Trust, which provides long term leasing of land for agricultural purposes and housing. The Trust owns and manages Forest Row in Great Barrington.

A motion was duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted to send a letter of support for the town's application to the Department of Housing and Community Development for community development block grant funds.

It was reported that June Wolfe of Construct had raised the possibility of Richard Allen's Oxbow property being swapped with a property in Housatonic owned by Berkshire Natural Resources Council that could be developed with affordable housing. Richard will follow up with June.

There was another long discussion about the town hall property and the Scalise report. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, it was resolved to send a letter to the selectboard recommending that the town Hall site be developed along the lines outlined in the Scalise report into 10 structures of two units each of rental housing.

The committee set Monday, February 13 at 5:00 as the date and time for the next meeting of the committee, whereupon the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Allen, Secretary