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MEETING MINUTES APPROVED THURSDAY OCTOBER 10, 2019  
Thursday October 3, 2019  
Town Hall Selectman Chambers 7:00PM

THIS AN OPEN MEETING AND ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

I. Preliminaries:

- 1.1 Call to order. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.
- 1.2 Roll call showed Natalie Call, Clerk (NC), Courtney Borelli, Member (CB), and Chaz Sexton-Diranian, Chairman (CSD) present. Laura Shifrin, Vice Chairman, (LS) was absent with notice.
- 1.3 Chair announced meeting is being recorded.
- 1.4 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.5 Chairman's Additions/Deletions to Agenda unforeseen prior to 48 hours of this meeting-Request for videographer. CSD encouraged public to volunteer for videographer.

II. Work Session:

2.1 Discuss agenda for public forum on October 5, 2019. NC reserved the meeting room at the Library, food was generously donated from Bailey's Bar and Grill and NC will decorate the tables as well. Land Use Coordinator, Lyndsy Butler (LB) said that set up can begin at 10AM on Saturday but maybe able to do some setup on Friday evening. CSD reviewed the potential questions that he and John Hume (JH) from the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPA) discussed. CSD also went over the itinerary for the housing forum and how it would be broken down in to groups for public discussion. MRPC will run the forum with the help of the Housing Authority.

2.2 Discuss proposed questions for housing forum. CSD reviewed questions that would be discussed: What are Townsend Housing related strengths? Identify the biggest housing related challenge. Discuss remedied to help overcome these challenges. Would you be open to zoning changes that would open more housing options in the community? Briefly discussed the pros and cons of age restrictive housing. Discussed creating a Housing Trust, as well as Veteran's Housing. CSD explained the State of Massachusetts expectations for housing given the population increase, is high.



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2.3 Allocate THA funds for food for forum if necessary. Not necessary

2.4 Review and approve any outstanding meeting minutes to date. Reviewed completed minutes for 6-12-19 and 7-10-19. NC moved to accept the meeting minutes. Amended motion to allow for changes as stated. CB pointed out an error that will be fixed. Unanimous

Next Meeting Date: Thursday October 10, 2019

Adjournment. CB moved to adjourn at 7:53PM. NC seconded. Unanimous.