

HAMILTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

Sept. 11, 2013

Minutes

Welcome – Trust members Michael Lombardo, Marc Johnson, Fred Mills and Peter Britton were present. Planning Coordinator, Kristine Cheetham was also present.

Discussion Items

1. Internship – The members of the Trust discussed and voted on an hourly rate. They agreed to a range of \$12-\$15/hour depending upon experience. Also they agreed not to exceed \$8,000 over the course of a year.
2. Carriage House – The Trust would like to take some action by December 2013 with regard to the completion of the Carriage House Junction 40 B permit. The members would like the ZBA and Building Inspector to follow-up on this one.
3. Accessory Units Bylaws – K. Cheetham discussed the potential new zoning for apartments and accessory units. She is likely to combine the existing four types of permits into one. The new zoning bylaw will be written based upon allowed uses within different zoning districts. The Trust agreed that this would be preferable. She also mentioned that a new district for the downtown, Residential Village, might make sense with the small lot sizes. The Trust felt that it was worth researching and also to work with the Public Health department to determine what level of density was appropriate with consideration the environmental needs of the area. One member also mentioned that there was often spill over parking in the downtown area due to the MBTA lot.
4. Outreach – Fred Mills agreed to attend an upcoming CPC meeting to explain the Trust Action Plan.
5. General Information - The League of Women Voters is hosting a forum on the laws relating to Chapter land. The Hamilton Assessor's office is preparing information for the forum. Members of the Trust were encouraged to attend.