

ATM 17 & 19 – Affordable Housing

draft minutes from 3/2/16 A&F meeting

Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager, presented ATM Articles 17 & 19. When the town takes property through tax title, they always consider whether the property may be a candidate for affordable housing. To qualify for the affordable housing program a family of four must have income but must make less than \$69,700. The state has set a goal of 10% affordable housing in each town. Plymouth is currently at 3.1%.

- **ATM 17 – Affordable Housing – State Rd**

The town has officially taken 2106 State Road through tax title. The home was abandoned by both owners and the lending bank in 2012. The building is unoccupied and in disrepair. The site has been identified by the Affordable Housing Trust as a good location for an affordable home. Approval of this article would allow the Trust to officially obtain ownership of the property where they would rehab the property and market and sell as an affordable home. The home would be deeded affordable in perpetuity and count towards the town's subsidized housing inventory list.

Question:

Is there an ocean view from this property? (H Salerno) No.

Patrick O'Brien made a motion to recommend ATM Article 17 to Town Meeting. Chris Merrill, second. The motion carries unanimously (13-0-0).

- **ATM 19 – Affordable Housing – Long Pond Rd**

The Town has officially taken 227 Long Pond Road through tax title. This home was abandoned in 2011 and is uninhabitable. The site has been identified as a great location for affordable housing. Approval of this article would allow the Trust to officially obtain ownership of the property where they would market it to builders to remove the run down, abandoned structure, clear the lot and build deed restricted affordable housing in perpetuity which would count towards the town's subsidized housing inventory list.

Questions:

- There was discussion at the Selectmen's meeting last night about the possibility of creating 2 affordable housing units on this site. Is that the case? (J Moody) The lot is 1.3 acres but includes some wetlands, so I am not sure at this point.
- Since the house was built in 1825 and the proposal is to demolish, would this fall under the Demolition Delay Bylaw? If so, how long does that process take? (J Moody) Yes, and that process takes up to one year.
- Are we sure it needs to be demolished? (J Moody) Yes, Bruce Arrons, Director of Community Development, confirmed that it would have to be demolished.

Patrick O'Brien made a motion to recommend ATM Article 19 to Town Meeting. Chris Merrill, second. The motion carries unanimously (13-0-0).