Town of Hudson

Affordable Housing Trust

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Minutes of Meeting April 28, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Hudson Affordable Housing Trust was conducted via remote participation.

A meeting of the Town of Hudson's Affordable Housing Trust (AHT) was held on Tuesday April 28, 2020; Kevin Santos convened the meeting at 4:35PM.

The following AHT voting members were in attendance:

Kevin Santos, Chair, Vice Chair, John Parent, Ian Mazmanian, Anna McCabe, Jim Quinn, Jory Tsai, Darryl Fillippi

The following individuals were also present:

Jack Hunter, Director of Planning and Community Development; Kristina Johnson, Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development, and Jeannette Millard, 21 Rock Ave.

I. **Rental Assistance Program**— Mr. Hunter informed the Trust that he and Kristina have met with Metro West regarding the possibility of them administering a rental Assistance program for the Town of Hudson. They discuss the parameters outlined by the Trust at their last meeting but particularly discussed what was possible as far as a fee.

Ultimately it came that Metro West needs to charge between \$450 and \$500 per application not based on the amount allocated per household but the time needed to vet each application documentation.

We told Metro West that the fee though understandable was just too high for the Trust to expend. Jen form Metro West understood and we left it at that.

Next Jack met with Pam and Kristina from his office to discuss what was possible for them to administer the program. All felt it was doable and started to develop some guidelines for the program.

Finally they met with John and Kevin from the trust to go over their proposal to administer the program.

Jack then went through the guidelines, the application and the agreement as proposed.

The Trust centered their discussion on the Lottery and how it would be run and when, deadlines for applications etc. date for the lottery and the length of the program.

The Trust next spoke to the details of the application and grant agreement and emphasized how much we needed Town Counsel to review the documents as soon as possible.

On a motion form Mr. Parent seconded by Mr. Quin it was unanimously vote on by roll call that the program guidelines be adopted as stated and authorizes \$50,000 for such program and that the Chair and/or Vice Chair are authorized to sign any funding agreement.

- V. **Other Business** There was none at this time.
- VI. **Adjourn** On a motion by Mr. Santos seconded by Mr. Quinn it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:15PM