

MINUTES

**Joint meeting
Ipswich Housing Partnership
Ipswich Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board
Wednesday, May 6, 2020 7:30 AM
Virtual Meeting Using Zoom**

Members of IHP present: Don Greenough, Stacey Pedrick, Mike Jones, Jim Warner, Binni Hackett
Members of AHTFB present: Nishan Mootafian, Mike Jones, Binni Hackett, Jim Warner
Staff present: Ethan Parsons, Kristen Grubbs, Christina Aubin

1. Citizen Queries: None

2. Adopt Minutes: 10/30/19, 11/20/19, 1/22/19

Jones moved to adopt the minutes of October 30, 2019; November 20, 2019; and January 22, 2019. Allen seconded the motion. The Partnership and Trust Fund Board both voted unanimously to adopt the above minutes.

3. Discussion of Action, Inc. Proposal for Housing Assistance

Greenough- Manchester only provided rental assistance. Shouldn't give mortgage assistance without a restriction. Tenants should have to be income qualified.

Members asked how renters would qualify and whether there would be an income test. Members wanted to know how Action, Inc. would react to assistance exclusively for renters.

Jones noted that there should be careful consideration to unemployment benefits. He also wanted to know if it would be possible to push the start date of the program back to August.

Allen wanted to know who was coming to the program now. He also wondered what the full \$246,891 program budget means. What are the other sources? Will this money go only to Ipswich households?

Allen wanted to know how Action, Inc. will manage future demand.

Greenough suggested Parsons talk with the Town Planner in Manchester about their Trust Fund's participation in the program.

The Trust Fund Board and Partnership members expressed their interest in working with Action, Inc. Because of the questions, the boards agreed to meet at the same time on Wednesday the 13th via Zoom.

4. Next meeting date

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30 AM using Zoom

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 AM