Housing Partnership Committee  
Thursday, October 18, 2018  
Sherborn Town Hall  

Members present:  Elizabeth Yon, Chris Decker, Alycia Goody, Addie Mae Weiss, Michael Haynes  

Members excused:  John Hudson, Mark Brown  
Guests: Bryan Clancy, Debbie Maruca Hoak, George Fiske  

Meeting commenced at 7:15 pm  
The Housing Partnership had a good meeting with Bryan Clancy and Debbie Maruca Hoak. The connection was originally made after our current Sherborn Treasurer, Heidi Doyle, introduced us to Bryan Clancy, who she knows from her past Housing work in Holliston.

The Housing Partnership reached out to Bryan asking if he would attend a Housing Partnership meeting to provide some insight into his work with the Holliston Housing Trust because the Sherborn Housing Partnership members have been tasked with leading the research into the best path forward for Sherborn to create a Trust, Corporation or other private entity to hold and manage funds specifically for the creation of affordable housing.

As well as wanting to learn more about Housing Trust experiences, we also were interested in learning about Holliston’s experience finding land, funding and other challenges overcome in order to accomplish several Habitat for Humanity build projects. Several members of the Housing Partnership have a strong interest in finding a way to do a Habitat build here in Sherborn. Based on our interests, Bryan asked Habitat’s Metro West Executive Director, Debbie Maruca Hoak to join us at our October 18th meeting.

We had a very insightful meeting with most of our members in attendance and George Fiske joining as a guest with exceptional institutional knowledge of Sherborn which always helps guide good questions. We learned about the Holliston Habitat experience with relevant Sherborn information regarding the lottery process to ensure the affordable home is counted as an SHI unit, who typically serves as the monitoring agent, some of the possible state funds available and some of Habitat’s smaller projects which may be a good starting point for Sherborn such as the Habitat Repair program geared towards Veterans exterior home repair and the community building Operation playground projects.

The Housing Partnership remains interested and continues to keep the prospect of a Habitat project as a viable goal for Sherborn. Several other subjects have occupied the Partnership such as working with the Planning Board to complete the Housing Section of the Master Plan and completing findings with a recommendation to the Select Board regarding a Housing Trust, and keeping abreast of various development projects in town with an eye towards how our SHI numbers stack up and a goal of certification of our 2017 Housing Production Plan. Several of
our Housing Partnership members have also been heavily involved with the Sherborn Library Building Committee.

We will continue to work on addressing some of Sherborn’s greatest challenges, finding suitable land for a build, or house for a rehab/remodel project, finding funding sources, and addressing related water and septic concerns.

Meeting adjourned 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted
Addie Mae Weiss