

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
HARWICH AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST
GRIFFIN ROOM, TOWN HALL
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025 - 3:00PM**

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Bob Spencer, Acting Chair, Claudia Williams and Jeff Handler

MEMBER NOT PARTICIPATING: Brendan Lowney

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Spencer called the meeting of the Harwich Affordable Housing Trust to order on Friday, August 29, 2025 at 3:00PM

Mr. Spencer read his opening statement:

As Clerk of the HAHT Board I want to thank all of the Town of Harwich Staff as well as current & former members of the Board of Trustees for their extensive efforts to locate any and all records pertaining to the Public Records Request – “Taking of Map 82, Parcel R5” filed with our Town Clerk.

Due to those efforts we, members of the Board of Trustees of the Harwich Affordable Housing Trust, are today prepared to consider the Executive Session Minutes of 4 Executive Session meetings of the Board of Trustees dated January 5, 2021, March 12, 2021, May 20, 2021 and June 24, 2021.

In reviewing the Agenda and Minutes for the HAHT 6/24/21 meeting, while there is mention of adjournment to Executive Session for the discussion of land acquisition, there is no mention of what land was being discussed and there are no Executive Session Minutes that have been discovered and/or provided to be considered.

In fact, while the HAHT meeting minutes of September 9, 2021 discusses adjournment to Executive Session to consider the 1/5/21, 3/12/21 and 5/20/21 Executive Session minutes, there is no mention of the 6/24/21 Executive Session meeting and/or minutes being considered.

As we have no Executive Session Minutes for the 6/24/21 Executive Session, **I believe, we have no choice but to table action on the 6/24/21 Executive Session minutes until such time as**

actual minutes can be produced and considered. To do otherwise, in my opinion, would be subverting the integrity of the HAHT.

It is my intention to ask this Board, this afternoon, to approve the Executive Session Minutes for: 1/5/21, 3/12/21 and 5/20/21 and to approve their release as well.

Robert S. Spencer - Harwich Affordable Housing Trust Clerk 8.29.25

II. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION-Discussion and possible vote to release:

a. Executive Session Minutes of January 5, 2021

Ms. Williams moved to approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 5, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Handler

Vote: 3:0 in favor. Motion carried.

b. Executive Session Minutes of March 12, 2021

Ms. Williams moved to approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 12, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Handler.

Vote: 3:0 in favor. Motion carried.

c. Executive Session Minutes of May 20, 2021

Ms. Williams moved to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 20, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Handler.

Vote: 3:0 in favor. Motion carried.

d. Executive Session Minutes of June 24, 2021

Ms. Williams moved to table the Executive Session Minutes of June 24, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Handler.

Vote: 3:0 in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Spencer noted that in the approved Minutes of the HAHT of September 9, 2023, there is reference to actions taken to seek and fund a Title Researcher relative to property that is identified as Assessor's Map 82 Parcel R52. That vote was approved unanimously. Secondly

there was also a vote to procure appraisal services relative to a parcel of land at Assessor's Map 82 Parcel R5. That vote was also voted 4:0 in favor. Those documents are in the public already.

Mr. Handler moved to release the Executive Session Minutes dated January 5, 2021, March 12, 2021 and May 20, 2021 as presented. Seconded by Ms. Williams.

Vote: 3:0 in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Handler recognized and thanked Mr. Spencer all the work he put into putting all the documents together as well as organizing the meeting.

III. ADJOURN

Mr. Handler moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms, Williams.

Vote: 3:0 in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:07.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Moldstad
Board Secretary