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Merrimac Affordable Housing Trust Fund Minutes
November 5, 2015

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Sandra Venner.
- II. **Present:** Sandra Venner, Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello, Phil Parry, Hal Lloyd and Martha Crook.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Board members approved the minutes of the board's July 23, 2015 and August 27, 2015 meetings. Without a quorum of members available who had been present at the meeting, board members did not vote on accepting the minutes of the board's October 13, 2015 meeting.

IV. **Plan for November 10 Housing Forum: Accessing Funding Opportunities for Housing and Home Improvements**

- The Housing Forum is scheduled Tuesday Nov. 10, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Chair Venner will introduce the board members, Salisbury Planner Lisa Pearson and discuss the opportunity to partner with Amesbury and Salisbury to jointly seek CDBG funds.
- The regional submittal could include a housing rehabilitation program to income qualified households
- Amesbury would apply for the CDBG funds but Salisbury would continue to provide an existing housing rehabilitation program with two experienced staff members
- Housing units that receive rehabilitation through the program in Merrimac would qualify for the town's Subsidized Housing Inventory
- The forum will consider a target area within the town for the project.
- Hal will attend the November 8 meeting in Amesbury to express the town's interest in a regional submittal
- Board members discussed a hand-out that will be available at the forum featuring selections from the draft housing plan
- Chair Venner will also bring copies of the Open Space Survey to the forum

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello, Secretary
November 9, 2015

Adj'd 1/14/16

Sandra Venner, Chair