



Affordable Housing Committee

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Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2016

- Approved 9/14/16 -

Committee Members Present: Rocky Martin, Carl Bohlen, Kathryn Baudreau, Andrea Brainard, George Bedard, and Dale Wernhoff

The meeting came to order at approximately 7:05 PM.

Written Materials for Future Community Outreach

Andrea presented her latest draft of our pamphlet describing our committee's purpose and goals. She had incorporated information sent to her by Dale. Rocky had additional information for her at the meeting. There were also some minor changes suggested to her by other members. Andrea is going to finalize the draft and send it out for review. Amelia and/or Dale will then work on the pamphlet layout. It was suggested that the pamphlet should include photos of current affordable housing in town. Carl and Kathryn will check to see if photos of these sites can be used.

Accessory Apartment Discussion

Rocky continues to work on the article for the *Hinesburg Record* explaining accessory apartments (accessory dwelling units, or ADU's) which are separate, secondary dwelling units on a single-family property, either detached or within the envelope of the main building. He came up with a few reasons as to why somebody would want to pursue one of these and the committee added a couple more. Two ADU's have recently been permitted in town. Rocky is going to find out what their reasons were for wanting one.

Permit Process Streamlining

George said it would be beneficial to streamline the permit process in town which would aid in making housing more affordable in general. George feels there a lot of fees or processes that could be cut or eliminated to make permitting easier. Carl suggested coming up with concrete proposals that might lower pricing. George agreed to look into it.

Review Town Plan Housing Language in Chapter 2

Kathryn went over the town plan language regarding affordable housing. Several changes had to do with updating facts and figures. Kathryn will compile her notes/thoughts onto paper or share on Google Docs and go over them at our next meeting.

Update on Leads on New HAHC Members

We have no new leads on a potential ninth member of our committee which would get us to full strength. If anybody reading this is interested in joining, please contact us.

Status of Other Pending Housing Projects/Comments on Hinesburg Center Phase 2

As mentioned at our last meeting, the Hinesburg Center Phase 2 development presentation at the DRB's 5/03/16 meeting was continued until the fall. Site work continues on Alan and Nancy Norris' project on route 116 south of the village.

Minutes

We reviewed the 6/01/16 minutes. Carl motioned they be approved and Andrea seconded. They were approved by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Next Meeting

September 7th - Review community outreach pamphlet layout; review accessory apartment article; review Town Plan chapter 2; other topics to be determined

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Wernhoff