



## **Affordable Housing Committee**

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### **Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2016**

- Approved 12/07/16 -

**Committee Members Present:** Rocky Martin, Carl Bohlen, Julie Pierson, and Dale Wernhoff

The meeting came to order at approximately 7:10 p.m.

#### **Written Materials for Community Outreach**

We quickly made a pamphlet explaining our committee's purpose for the Hinesburg Fall Festival this past September. Feedback from people who viewed it said it was hard to understand. The pamphlet has a graph with salary info that has been deemed confusing. We need to keep this information but relay it in a different form. We also need to review some of the salaries listed. The wording may need to be changed to express these are beginning/entry level salaries, not average salaries. We'll continue to tweak the pamphlet until it's satisfactory.

#### **Review Town Plan Housing Language in Chapter 2**

George was reviewing the town plan language regarding affordable housing. He was not able to make it to tonight's meeting. The Planning Commission is holding a public hearing regarding the town plan on November 9, 2016. We'll try to get any feedback to the Planning Commission by that date.

#### **Emails from Alex**

Carl has been looking into an email chain started by Alex Weinhagen, the town's Director of Planning and Zoning, regarding the Building Homes Together initiative. This initiative is to promote new housing of all types, not just affordable, in the area. Carl contacted Chris Donnelly, Champlain Housing Trust's Director of Community Relations, about the initiative. Chris thought it would be good for the committee to add their names and advocate for the initiative. We'll see if we can get the town to sign on to the initiative.

#### **Possible Guest Speakers**

We're going to hold off pursuing any guest speakers until a later date.

#### **VHFA Housing Conference**

On November 14 & 15, 2016, the Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA) will be hosting the 2016 Vermont Statewide Housing Conference. The conference has many guest speakers and showcases

housing projects from the past year throughout the state. Carl will be attending both days. Rocky may attend one of the days.

**Leads on HAHC Committee Members**

We continue to pursue new members for the committee. We're two members short of a full nine members. If anybody is interested in joining, please let us know.

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

The Hinesburg Center Phase 2 development presentation at the DRB's 5/03/16 meeting was continued to last night's 11/01/16 meeting. We'll have an update at next month's meeting. Alan and Nancy Norris' project on route 116 south of the village will be proceeding in Spring 2017.

**Minutes**

We reviewed the 10/05/16 minutes. Carl motioned they be approved and Rocky seconded. They were approved by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

**Next Meeting** – December 7<sup>th</sup> - Topics to be determined

Respectfully submitted,  
Dale Wernhoff