



Affordable Housing Committee

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Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2017

- Approved 11/14/17 -

Committee Members Present: Carl Bohlen, Julie Pierson, Andrea Brainard, George Bedard, and Dale Wernhoff

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

Housing Vermont Award

Housing Vermont, a nonprofit company that promotes affordable housing, held their annual meeting on Thursday, 9/07/17. From their email to Carl, “Housing Vermont gives out an award each year at its annual meeting to recognize individuals or groups for volunteerism and community service in the affordable housing arena. This year we would like to give the award to the Hinesburg Affordable Housing Committee! We want to recognize all of the effort the Committee put in over the years... it is a good example for other towns to follow.” Carl and Andrea were able to attend the meeting and accept the award on behalf of the committee.

Housing Needs Assessment Update Status

We have a contract to have our 2010 Housing Needs Assessment updated by the original authors. They will be starting the update within the next 60 to 90 days. They will also be providing an additional breakout of how people with 80% to 200% of median income are doing in attaining housing, affordable or otherwise.

Tri-Fold Brochure Update

We are going to put this informational brochure on hold until after we receive the updated Housing Needs Assessment. We can then incorporate the latest information.

Update on Sunset Lake Villa MHP Sale Meeting

The residents of Sunset Lake Villa Estates in Hinesburg and St. George Villa in St. George, whose mobile home parks have been put up for sale by their current owner, have both voted to form two separate

coops to purchase each park themselves. Our committee will do whatever we can to help the Sunset Lake Villa Estates coop with grant applications if needed. Application timing could be critical as the coop will have deadlines to meet for funding.

Possible Project to Partner with Energy Committee

The Hinesburg Energy Committee is working with residents of the Triple L Mobile Home Park regarding the installation of heat pumps in their units. We're going to see if we can collaborate with the energy committee to discern the affordability benefits of installing this type of device. We'll check into having a joint meeting with the Energy Committee in the near future.

Status of Pending Housing Projects

Nothing new on any of the potential projects in Hinesburg (Hinesburg Center Phase 2, Haystack Crossing, Wind Energy Associates, Meadow Mist). George has heard that funding for projects in general, not particularly these, has been an issue.

New Leads on HAHC Members

We have reduced our committee membership from nine to seven. We currently have six members so we need one more. If anybody is interested please contact us.

Future Meeting Topics

Possible ideas include sponsoring a film for public viewing regarding affordable housing, have a panel of builders describe their issues with providing affordable housing, or getting updates from some of the builders that have spoken with us in the past as to their current ability to provide affordable housing.

Minutes

We reviewed the 4/26/17 and 7/19/17 minutes. George motioned they be approved and Andrea seconded. They were approved by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting: October 4th or TBD - Topics to be determined

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Wernhoff