



Affordable Housing Committee

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Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2017

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

Also Present: Hinesburg Energy Committee members Chuck Reiss, Paul Lesure, Mike Webb, and Bill Scott

The meeting came to order at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Possible Mobile Home Park Resident Project with Hinesburg Energy Committee

Chuck Reiss of the Hinesburg Energy Committee presented a proposal the energy committee is working on for the installation of heat pumps and possibly solar panels in units at the Triple L Mobile Home Park. He provided a handout showing the energy audit gains at four units in the Mountain View Mobile Home Park from the efficiency program our committee spearheaded from late 2012 to early 2014. Based on that success, Chuck has calculated the potential savings that residents at Triple L would realize through upgrading to an energy retrofit/renewables (heat pump/solar) and compared that to switching to a natural gas installation. The numbers still have to be finalized but there is the potential for savings. Chuck suggested the energy committee could work out the mechanics of the systems while the affordable housing committee could work on potential funding sources to pay for the upgrades. Our committee then left the joint meeting. We decided we should work with the energy committee on this worthy project, while seeing if we could expand it to homes (Chuck had stated these energy upgrades work even better at a home rather than a mobile home).

FY2019 Budget Request Discussion

The town has asked our committee if we need any funds for the upcoming fiscal year. We decided to ask for \$300 to \$500 to cover any potential expenses that may turn up.

Housing Needs Assessment Update Status

The update to our 2010 assessment is 50% done. We should see the completed assessment by early December. We'll review the draft at that time. It will have the same format as the original to ease comparisons. It may include comparisons to border towns and how topics are the same or different from the last assessment.

Update on Sunset Lake Villa MHP Sale Meeting

The residents of Sunset Lake Villa Estates in Hinesburg and St. George Villa in St. George are looking into forming coops to purchase their parks. They are currently doing their analysis of the parks' infrastructure. There is nothing our committee can do at this time towards helping with a funding solution until the analysis is complete. Time is of the essence since there are deadlines to meet for funding sources.

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.

Status of Pending Housing Projects

No updates on any of the major housing projects in town. If any of them are scheduled to appear before the DRB we'll try to have a committee member in attendance.

New Leads on HAHC Members

We may have the potential for a new member in early 2018, which would get us up to our full seven members.

Future Meeting Topics

We may revisit the accessory apartment issue to see where that currently stands.

Minutes

We reviewed the 9/20/17 minutes. Andrea motioned they be approved and Julie seconded. They were approved by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 6th or January 3rd - Topics to be determined

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Wernhoff