



Affordable Housing Committee

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Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2018

- Approved 4/04/18 -

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

The meeting came to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Subcommittee Report on Joint Project with Energy Committee

Our committee is working with the Hinesburg Energy Committee to inform residents along the routes of the recently installed natural gas lines of potential alternative methods of heating (and cooling) their homes. Carl and Dale are on the subcommittee along with Chuck Reiss from the Energy Committee. We've enlisted the aid of students from UVM's Department of Community Development & Applied Economics to help with gathering and distributing information on the topic. The students will be mainly concentrating on any required research since they are already halfway through their spring semester.

Update on Sunset Lake Villa Mobile Home Park Sale

The Sunset Lake Villa and St. George Villa Mobile Home parks are for sale by the current owner. The two parks have formed coops to purchase their parks. They worked with the Cooperative Development Institute (CDI) and the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) to find funding sources for their bid. After doing their due diligence, the coops submitted a bid of \$6,025,000 for the two parks but it was rejected. The owner is asking for \$6,950,000. Another bidder fell through so there are no other offers on the table. Currently all parties are working together to hopefully come to a solution that is agreeable to everyone.

Report on CCRPC 1/31/18 Economics of Housing Workshop

Andrea attended this workshop sponsored by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission. There were four speakers that touched on a variety of topics, including affordability of housing in general and how perpetually affordable housing works. Some of the suggested methods of increasing affordable housing were increasing density, forming affordable housing committees, having inclusionary zoning, developing town-owned land, and reducing impact fees. There may be a county-wide meeting of affordable housing committees on 4/30/18 to discuss these suggestions further.

Housing Needs Assessment Publicity

Our Housing Needs Assessment from 2010 was update in December 2017. It will be added to our committee's web site soon. To help advertise the interesting information it contains, we discussed various ways of sharing the assessment with the public. One suggestion was to have a quick one or two sentence blurb placed monthly in the local papers along with a link to the assessment.

Pending Housing Projects

Many projects are on the board in town. The Meadow Mist development south of the village core will be breaking ground this spring. We're hoping to meet with the Haystack Crossing (north of Kinney Drugs) developer in April and the Hinesburg Center (west of Kinney Drugs) developer in May to get updates on their respective projects.

Tri-Fold Brochure Update

Now that we have our updated Housing Needs Assessment, information from that will be used to make a brochure describing the objectives of our committee. Dale has offered to come up with a draft version for review at a later meeting.

Town Plan Housing Action Items

The recently updated Hinesburg Town Plan has identified nine action items that require feedback from the affordable housing committee. These items are ongoing so we'll make sure to review them on a regular basis and provide our assessments as needed.

New Leads on HAHC Members

We had a community member in attendance at our last meeting who was curious about filling the vacancy on our committee. We're hoping to hear back soon.

Future Meeting Topics

We are set for now on topics.

Minutes

We reviewed the 2/19/18 minutes. Julie motioned they be approved and George seconded. They were approved by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting – April 4th – Meet with Haystack Crossing developer for project update; other topics to be determined; see agenda on town website

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Wernhoff