

## **Washington Housing Commission Minutes**

September 21, 2021- 5:30

Meeting Via Zoom

**Minutes subject to approval by Washington Housing Commission**

Members Present: Leslie Anderson, Judie Gorra

Members Absent: Shane Mongar, Lisa Lundberg

Task Force: Dean Sarjeant, Ralph Averill, Lindsay Larson, Wayne Hileman

Jocelyn Ayer, Michelle Gorra

Guests: Jay Hubelbank, Kristen Leon, Robert Woodroffe, Joan Lodsins, Chris Charles

Meeting called to order at 5:35

No Quorum to review minutes of June 8<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup>

1. The committee reviewed the language on the Draft Affordable Housing Plan.  
There was some discussion of the goal of 30 units over 5 years. Jay felt it is low since it would only bring us to 3.5%. Wayne pointed out this goal would be equal to what is normally built in Washington, therefore doubling new housing units build. Jocelyn pointed out the goal was realistic. Mr. Woodroffe asked some questions about affordable housing units in other surrounding towns and Jocelyn shared the data for the entire Northwest region. Leslie also shared that she has spoken with Jim about using some of the town ARPA funds for an affordable housing rehabilitation fund, which is a goal mentioned in the plan.
2. The committee discussed the presentation of the Affordable Housing Plan at the Public Hearing of the Planning Commission Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. The hearing will be virtual.  
Wayne explained that after the presentation, the Planning Commission will first determine if the plan is consistent with the Plan of Conservation and Development and then will vote on whether to refer the plan to the Board of Selectmen. He also explained that we can assume that people will have seen the plan and only need to present an overview. After the presentation there will first be questions from the Planning Commission and then the public. Jocelyn and Michelle will present.
3. Discussion of promoting the hearing. The committee will distribute the fliers they had made. Saturday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> Robert and Michelle will be at the transfer station 8-10, then Michelle, Ralph and Lindsay will be at the Farmer's Market 10-1. The committee will see how it goes and will try the next weekend as well. The flier has been brought to the Library and is out in Town Hall. Michelle will also bring to the Market. The hearing will also be advertised in the Selectmen's weekly email blast, the Town web-site and put on the sandwich board. It was asked that we print a few copies of the plan to put at the library and Town Hall.

The next housing meeting will be Oct 12 at 5:30 at which point the committee can discuss the hearing and make any tweaks that may have been suggested by the Planning Commission or the public before passing along to the Board of Selectmen.

Leslie thanked all the people that have contributed to the process and the design of the plan.

Motion to adjourn made by Ralph at 6:30. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted- Michelle Gorra