

TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
Washington Housing Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

All Meetings are subjected to the approval by the Washington Housing Commission

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30pm by Judie Gorra

**Members-** Judie Gorra, Robert Woodroffe, Charles Jackson, Carrie Loyd

**Public-** Chris Charles, Ted Bent

2. **Motion to accept the minutes of the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting** Made by Robert Woodroffe, seconded by Charlie Jackson all in favor.

3. **Old Business**

- a. **Update on Baldwin Hill Property-** Soil survey done and marked. Check has been cut, to start the feasibility study. Waiting to hear if it can be subdivided into 2 building lots, 2 individual homes, or one building and one septic site. 4 acre property.
- b. **Report on Zoning Subcommittee re: multifamily housing, PA 21-29.-** Slow progress, didn't move on anything at the last meeting, two of the members were not there. Not necessarily Capital A Affordable housing. Some of the questions that have come up: Are these multifamily going to be for rental or for sale? The answer is they will be for either. Consistency with attached accessory apartments, still being debated if you can have 2 attached or rather stand as one attached and one detached. The regulations had to have a 100 ft setback from the road, that would make it difficult for builders to do that. Big controversy also is; Whether these multi-family housing are going to be by right or by site plan review.

4. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion of March 27 Communications Workshop-** Very interesting, we should be helping the Housing Trust with their communication and should coordinate ours with theirs. Ted Bent mentioned it pointed out a problem we have in Washington. We have these 2 committees that are working not against each other but they don't present a united front to the town. Ted also made the point that if we showed ourselves as a single entity it may attract a broader spectrum of support. Developing a mailing list for starters. Salisbury has a newsletter for their housing, we could do something with the money we have in the budget for this fiscal year. Judie knows of someone in town who needs to do an internship and can probably help with a facebook for the committee. We would have to come up with a mission statement that would apply to both entities and a name, possibly "Washington Affordable Housing Initiative" . Community Day is happening on the first Friday in June, could have a table there at the Judy Black Park. When they have the Farmers Market could have a presence. Could refer to the Plan. The commission members and members of the Washington Community Housing Trust should be thinking about a name, mission statement, A positive statement is important. Ted plans to go to a meeting with the WBA at

the Pantry and ask for testimonials. Woody and Ted are going to strategize before going to the Pantry. Next meeting was scheduled for May 9th, going to try and schedule to the 16th.

5. **Visitors; Chris Charles-** The Housing Commission budget for this upcoming year, thought of having a Clerk to do follow ups. \$2,000 for membership education consulting, \$3,000 for printings and mailings, \$250 for misc and \$960 for secretary fees. In the future request for money for the capital budget for future projects. \$100,000 in the down payment assistance budget, \$226,665.00 can be used for other things, The Commission is permitted to expend up to \$10,000 anything beyond that has to go to a town meeting
6. **Motion to Adjourn** Made by Charlie, seconded by Robert Woodroffe at 6:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Reale  
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