

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Washington Housing Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 16th, 2023

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

1. **Call to Order:** 5:31pm by Judie Gorra

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

Public- Chris Charles, Sally Woodroffe, Ted Bent, Bill Fairbairn, Oscar Medina

Staff- Michelle Gorra

2. Motion to add to the agenda a discussion of a proposal from Eagle Environmental Inc. To do an environmental study on the Baldwin hill, Woody W. made a motion to move, Carrie L. seconded.

A motion to approve the minutes by Robert W. seconded by Carrie L.

3. **Old Business**

- a. **Report on Zoning Sub Committee re: multifamily housing, PA 21-29-** Judie and Woody have been attending meetings, getting closer to regulations that will be submitted to the Zoning Commission. Woody mentioned they have made progress with the construction of multifamily housing by special permit or by site plan. Janet Hill has come up with some good language, proposed it will be by special permit but with certain exceptions.
- b. **Marketing of partnership between The Housing Commission and the Housing Trust-** Ted Bent and Woody have been working together. Ted mentioned If we present a united front between the trust and the commission we may have more success in the community. There are a lot of people who don't see the need for affordable housing. The idea was to get something similar with more quotes ready for presentation at the Block Party. He would like to have us put together a website, or a Facebook page with Dana Jackson, Charlie's son to help publicize the need. Oscar will be working with Michelle Gorra as an intern and will do some work on the Washington Community Housing Trust website and on Facebook.
- c. **Progress on Baldwin Hill -** The survey is done, wetlands have been mapped, engineers have begun the work. The Trust is preparing a grant for money through HTTC funds, Eversource is the main funder of these now, have to get an application in by June 2nd. Trying to figure out if this is going to be a 1 home, 2 home, or 3 home site/ what it's going to cost for septic systems etc. For the HTTC application an environmental study is needed. They need to look at the land records to see if there were businesses there, the cost is \$3,500 dollars, The WCHT is now requesting this to get this phase 1 certification, **A motion has been made by Woody W. and seconded by Carrie L., To approve the expenditure of \$3,500 for the Phase 1 environmental study. All voted in favor.**

Has to get approved by the selectmen next. Bill F. met with a potential donor who wants to donate 30 acres, part of the lane eased with Steep Rock. We'll know more information by June exactly what money is going to be out there for multifamily, single family etc. That'll give us a heads up for what's going to be going on these 3 acres.

4. New Business

- a. Info Table at Block Party-** Michelle has been working on fliers. Oscar will be working with Michelle Gorra as an intern this Summer / possibly Fall. He will extend his help to the Washington Housing Commission to work with communications, brochures etc. Ted will continue to work on some quotes. Woody will try again at the White Horse, and The Smithy, and the 202 Tavern he'll bring those quotes to Michelle. Oscar will create a brochure / flier. Will have a page with the quotes from these businesses available on the table as well. Michelle mentioned the idea of adding a play table to their table to make it more appealing to families and give the kids something to play with
- b.** Diana from Habitat wants to have another workshop because they have another 2 home in the works.

5. Visitors

- 6. Motion to Adjourn;** Carrie made a motion to adjourn, all in favor at 6:23

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Reale
Selectmen's Assistant

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ram52vX5VQ>