

Washington Housing Commission Minutes

October 12, 2021- 5:30

Meeting Via Zoom

Minutes subject to approval by Washington Housing Commission

Members Present: Leslie Anderson, Judie Gorra, Robert Woodroffe

Members Absent: Shane Mongar, Lisa Lundberg

Task Force: Lindsay Larson, Wayne Hileman

Jocelyn Ayer, Michelle Gorra

Guests: Chris Charles

1. Meeting called to order at 5:35
2. Consideration of the minutes of July 13th, September 21st. Leslie moved and Judie seconded approval. **Motion:** all in favor. The minutes of June 8th will be considered at the next meeting.
3. Discussion of the Affordable Housing Plan- Jocelyn Ayer
 - a. The responses from the Public Hearing of Oct. 6th Planning Commission were discussed. The Planning Commission voted that the plan was consistent with the POCD and has sent a letter to the Board of the Selectmen stating such. The Housing Commission will present the final draft of the plan with a letter to the Board of Selectmen for their consideration.
 - b. Small edits to the plan were discussed. It was decided to highlight the successful existing Housing Commission "Down payment assistance program" by moving it in Goal 1 from #4 to #1. A box stating that 10 homeowners have already been assisted. We also decided to add a Statement or link on Fair Housing to the Appendix.
Motion by Leslie and seconded by Judie to approve these changes. All in favor
 - c. The idea of including a "plan book" was discussed. It was decided not to include in the plan but to continue to educate about 8-30g options. This information can be posted on the web-site or a contact person can be highlighted.
 - d. Jocelyn will draft a letter to the Selectmen and make the approved changes to the draft plan. The Housing Commission will sign the letter and the Task team will be acknowledged within.
4. This concludes the work on the Affordable Housing Plan. The next Housing Commission meeting is November 9th. The Commission will look at the strategies that have presented in the plan and start to work on their objectives. A housing rehab fund was discussed as well as use of ARPA funds.

Jocelyn will be starting a new job in January as the Director of the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity so we look forward to working with her in her new position. She will continue to be involved in the quarterly NWCT Housing Council.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:18.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Gorra