



Affordable Housing Committee

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Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2019

Hinesburg Town Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room – 7:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Carl Bohlen, George Bedard, Rocky Martin, and Dale Wernhoff

Also Present: Jim Donovan

The meeting came to order at approximately 7:05 PM.

Jim Donovan & Patricia O'Donnell, to Discuss Mechanicsville Road Project

Jim Donovan (Ms. O'Donnell was not able to attend) came to discuss their proposed development that has frontage on both CVU Road and Mechanicsville Road. The project will provide 28 new dwelling units and be composed of six lots; two of the lots will be undeveloped as open space. Any affordable housing units will be located on lot 2 off of Mechanicsville Road. This lot is planned to have ten new units, one of which will be affordable due to Hinesburg's inclusionary zoning provision. Jim's hope is to have five or even all ten units on this site qualify as affordable. Carl is going to provide Jim with contact information for Champlain Housing Trust, Housing Vermont, and Vermont Community Development Association. These agencies can help steer Jim towards providing as much affordable housing as possible on the site.

Housing Needs Assessment Publicity- Continue Hinesburg Record Articles?

The committee discussed whether to continue to provide short articles regarding affordable housing for publication in the Hinesburg Record as we have for the last year. We decided that we would continue the article series but would provide articles on an intermittent basis. We don't need to be in every issue but if there is a compelling topic we'd like to share then we'll provide an article at that time.

Housing Event in 2019?

We had given some thought to having some sort of affordable housing event in town, possibly with some guest speakers. We have a list of possible topics but at this time we're going to table any event for now. We'll keep this idea in mind for a more opportune time.

Hinesburg Center Phase II Discussion (4-10-19 Mitch Email)

Carl is going to generate a question list regarding the affordable housing aspect of this project. He hopes to get feedback from the developer on what will be considered affordable.

Town Plan Housing Action Items

The committee will review the town plan items that relate to affordable housing at a future meeting to make sure we are following the guidelines as prescribed in the plan.

Tri-Fold Brochure Update

Dale is updating the contents to match the latest Housing Needs Assessment. There are also some formatting issues to work through.

New Leads on HAHC Committee Members

Our committee is now down two members and may be down a third member by next summer. We may look into contacting former members to see if they have any interest in rejoining.

Set September Meeting Date

It was determined our next meeting will be 9/11/18 instead of the first Wednesday of the month due to scheduling conflicts.

Approve Minutes

We reviewed the 5/01/19 minutes. George motioned they be approved and Rocky seconded. They were approved by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Next Meeting – September 11th – Topics to be determined; see agenda on town website.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Wernhoff
HAHC Secretary