



Affordable Housing Committee

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Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2018

- Approved 11/07/18 -

Committee Members Present: Carl Bohlen, Rocky Martin, Julie Pierson, Andrea Brainard, and Dale Wernhoff.

Also Present: Jessica Hyman and Ben Avery

The meeting came to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Jessica Hyman, CVOEO to Discuss Thriving Communities Campaign: Jess Hyman is the Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Fair Housing Project of the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity. Per a brochure Jess provided, “the Fair Housing Project is a statewide training, outreach, and advocacy program that seeks to increase housing opportunities for persons in protected classes under fair housing laws.” Part of Jess’ role is to reach out to local municipalities to see how to aid them in providing fair housing in their communities. The committee provided Jess with some concerns we’ve had advocating for affordable housing along with our biggest gains, issues, and needs for the future.

Ben Avery, BlackRock Water and Wastewater Allocation Request: Ben Avery, Vice President of Development for BlackRock Construction, had submitted a water and wastewater allocation request to the Select Board for BlackRock’s Haystack Crossing project. The Select Board wanted to hear our committee’s perspective on the request prior to voting so Ben attended our meeting to present his case. Part of phase I of the development is a 50-unit independent living senior housing building. Ben estimates that ten of these 50 units could be perpetually affordable, along with five additional rental units of affordable housing in the remainder of phase I. Ben was agreeable that as a condition of our support he would work with the town to make sure that all 15 units of affordable housing are provided.

Housing Needs Assessment Publicity: We have provided two installments of abbreviated data from our updated Housing Needs Assessment to the local paper for publication. These are small blurbs promoting both the assessment and the committee’s roll in Hinesburg. The deadline for the third installment submission to the Hinesburg Record is October 11, 2018.

Update on Sunset Lake Villa Mobile Home Park Sale: The park has a purchase and sales agreement with the current owner. Park residents will vote on October 11, 2018 whether to purchase the park and form a co-op. The Cooperative Development Institute is providing the financing for the purchase.

Minutes: We reviewed the August 1, 2018 minutes. Rocky motioned they be approved and Julie seconded. They were approved by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 PM.

Next Meeting – November 7th - Topics to be determined; see agenda on town website.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Wernhoff