



Affordable Housing Committee

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Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2019

Hinesburg Town Hall – 7:00 PM

Approved 4/03/19

Committee Members Present: Carl Bohlen, Julie Pierson, George Bedard, and Dale Wernhoff.

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

Housing Needs Assessment Publicity: The deadline to submit an informational blurb to the Hinesburg Record is March 14, 2019. Committee member Andrea Brainard could not make tonight's meeting but said she would come up with a piece before the deadline.

Water/Wastewater Allocation Committee Update: A well was drilled on the Haystack Crossing project site just north of Kinney Drugs. Initial testing has indicated the well is not producing as much water as the town hoped it would. This may require the allocation committee to tweak their criteria for the allotment process. The last meeting of the allocation committee will be on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, after which the committee will present their recommendations to the Select Board.

Update on Sunset Lake Villa Mobile Home Park Sale: The sale of the park to a resident owned coop was not completed by the end of 2018. This was due to an issue in the St. George Villa Mobile Home Park which is also part of the deal (each park will be owned in a separate coop by their residents). As of January, the residents hoped to close on the sale in 30 to 45 days but we have no additional update at this time.

Update on UVM & Energy Committee: We don't have an update this month of the collaboration between UVM grad student Mac Rogers and the Hinesburg Energy Committee relating to renewable energy versus natural gas. Chuck Reiss, chairman of the Energy Committee, will bring us into the loop as needed.

Housing Data Website Discussion: Alex Weinhausen, Director of Planning and Zoning for Hinesburg, sent all committee members a link to the recently updated VHFA housing data website. Alex shared it with us because it has a vast amount of housing information that would be pertinent to our committee. We're going to review this and discuss at a later date.

Tri-Fold Brochure Update: We refreshed our memories by reviewing the original draft of the brochure, the revised language we came up with, and the most recent version by a previous committee member. The consensus was to make it a little less busy and easier to read.

Town Plan Housing Action Items: The committee will review the town plan items that relate to affordable housing at our next full attendance meeting to make sure we are following the guidelines as prescribed in the plan.

New Leads on HAHC Members: Charter member Julie Pierson will be stepping down from the committee at the end of March. This will leave our seven-person committee down by two members. If anybody is interested please refer to the town website for info. And thank you Julie for your years of service to the town!

Discuss Best Way to Communicate if a Meeting is Cancelled: The committee has cancelled our last two meetings due to inclement weather on the first Wednesday of January and February. Carl wanted to verify the best way to contact committee members in the event of a last-minute cancellation. It was agreed that email would be the best way to get in touch with everyone.

HAHC Awareness Initiative: There was some discussion about working with the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) to organize a public meeting to raise awareness about the Hinesburg Affordable Housing Committee or to recruit new members. We also discussed piggybacking with another town event instead of a standalone function, or to organize a town committee fair where all of the lesser known town committees would have an informational open house. Carl is going to check with Habitat for Humanity to see if there are any opportunities to work with them to spread the word on affordable housing.

Minutes: We reviewed the December 5, 2018 minutes. George motioned they be approved and Julie seconded. They were approved by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 PM.

Next Meeting –

April 3rd - Topics to be determined; see agenda on town website.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Wernhoff