

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

MARCH 17, 2021 5:30PM

REGULAR MEETING (VIA ZOOM)

- 1 1) Call to Order. Present: Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Jim Dresser, Mary Close Oppenheimer, Pom
2 Shillingford, Pat Hackett and Abeth Slotnick.
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- 4 2) **Approve Agenda. So Moved** by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by J. Dresser and
5 unanimously **Approved**.
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- 7 3) **Approve Minutes of February 17, 2021. So Moved** by A. Slotnick, seconded by M. Close
8 Oppenheimer and unanimously **Approved**.
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- 10 4) Coordinator's Report
11 There were no new inquiries from the website. The Coordinator is researching instructions for
12 record-keeping with the Town staff. This will include how documents need to be retained, how
13 long emails need to be kept and where all of this will be stored, among other subjects. This
14 information will be shared with the Commission as soon as available.
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- 16 5) Discussion: Holley Place update
17 Peter Halle, Salisbury Housing Committee (SHC), gave a brief update on the status of the Holley
18 Place application. The next Planning & Zoning Pubic Hearing is on Monday, March 22, 2021;
19 there might be a third hearing. Once the Public Hearing is closed, P&Z will have 65 days to
20 decide on approval; then the Board of Selectmen will give their opinion. A few more people will
21 be asked to speak at the hearing, in support of Holley Place.
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- 23 6) Discussion: Candidates for open positions
24 There are 2 partial terms to be filled on the SAHC; one term expires **11/2021** and the other
25 expires **11/2023**. The Nominating Committee, Abeth Slotnick, Pom Shillingford and Ethan Watt,
26 interviewed 6 excellent candidates and are recommending 2 of them to fill the open positions,
27 at this time. The 2 candidates chosen are Tiffany Riva and Vivian Garfein. The other 4
28 candidates are still interested in helping the SAHC in other ways, as requested.
29 **Motion: The Commission Recommends to the Board of Selectmen to appoint Tiffany Riva and**
30 **Vivian Garfein to fill the 2 vacated terms on the SAHC, with a coin toss to determine who fills**
31 **which term. The Motion** was made by J. Dresser, seconded by M. Close Oppenheimer and
32 unanimously **Approved**.
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- 34 7) Report from Pope Sub-Committee

35 J. Dresser indicated that the sub-committee members are starting to explore ways to begin
36 gathering information to start the project. J. Kronholm Clark suggested reaching out to others
37 on the Commission for input, as well.
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39 8) Discussion: 2021 Goals and Sub-Committee Reports

- 40 • Grove St. /Perry St. – The Salisbury Housing Trust is not attending the meeting tonight.
41 The current status of Perry St. is unknown. J. Kronholm Clark pointed out that there are
42 applicants looking for homes.
- 43 • East Railroad St. – The Sub-committee is continuing its work.
- 44 • Community support – The Facebook page continues to be updated. P. Shillingford is
45 continuing to work on it and would like to add Tiffany Riva to the sub-committee.
- 46 • 414 Millerton Rd. – A. Slotnick reported that Mat Kiefer did a new survey. The site is
47 stable now and would need additional septic for more units; the soil tests were okay for
48 more septic. Additional units would be clustered together. The property has a well.
- 49 • Fundraising – No sub-committee formed yet.
- 50 • Exploring additional properties – J. Dresser, A. Slotnick and E. Watt are having
51 conversations about ideas. P. Shillingford asked how to engage with people who have
52 suggested finding additional properties suitable for affordable housing. Different ideas
53 were discussed, such as people donating money or property, reaching out directly to
54 people who have expressed interest and perhaps having a special meeting or forum.
55 The Commission agreed that various options should be made known. The Outreach
56 Sub-Committee will start to figure it out, regarding contacting people directly and
57 having a specific list of options.
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59 9) New Business/Chairman Comments

60 The Chair had no comments at this time. Peter Halle (SHC) mentioned that the SHC is sprucing
61 up their webpage.
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63 10) Public Comment – None
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65 11) **Adjournment. So Moved** by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by A. Slotnick and unanimously
66 **Approved.**
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