

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

APRIL 21, 2021 5:30PM

- 1 1) Call to Order. Present: Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Vivian Garfein, Mary Close Oppenheimer,
2 Abeth Slotnick, Ethan Watt, Pom Shillingford, Tiffany Riva, Pat Hackett and Jim Dresser.
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- 4 2) Approval of Agenda. So Moved by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by P. Shillingford and
5 unanimously Approved.
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- 7 3) Approve Minutes of March 17, 2021. P. Shillingford asked that Lines 44 and 45 be corrected to read:
8 “The Facebook page continues to be updated by J. Kronholm Clark. P. Shillingford is continuing to
9 work on Community Support and” A. Slotnick asked that Lines 46 and 47 be corrected to read:
10 “A. Slotnick reported that Mat Kiefer has not done the lot line adjustment at 414 Millerton Road yet.
11 The site is not quite ready to go and would need....” A Motion to Approve the Minutes of March 17,
12 2021, as amended, was made by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by P. Shillingford and
13 unanimously Approved.
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- 15 4) Chairman’s Comments/Welcome New Members
16 J. Kronholm Clark welcomed new Commission members Vivian Garfein and Tiffany Riva. The SAHC is
17 happy to have them and thanks them for joining sub-committees.
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- 19 5) Coordinator’s Report
20 There were no new inquiries on the website this month. The new Town website continues to have
21 additional documents uploaded, in case it seems something may not be available. Patrice McGrath,
22 Social Services, mentioned that while the wait for available units continues, there is some turnover
23 and urges people to continue to put in applications. Peter Halle, Salisbury Housing Committee,
24 informed the SAHC that \$1.5M had been approved by the State of CT towards the construction of
25 Sarum Village III. \$300k was also received from Eversource. While they don’t have all they need
26 yet, they are hopeful they can break ground soon. They don’t have full construction costs yet. He
27 agreed that Sarum Village has a “rolling waiting list” and that people should get on it.
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- 29 6) Discussion: Holley Place update
30 The Planning & Zoning Public Hearing was closed at the meeting on April 19, 2021. The PZC will
31 begin deliberations on the Holley Place application at a Special Meeting on Wednesday, April 28,
32 2021 at 5:30pm. Peter Halle is hopeful that there will be an answer in May.
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- 34 7) Discussion: 2021 Goals and Sub-Committee Reports
35 • Pope property – J. Dresser talked about a recent meeting with Lisa McAuliffe,
36 Recreation Director, and others about ideas for the future use of the property. He
37 added that the sub-committee is talking about getting some professional help. M.

38 Close Oppenheimer mentioned that they reviewed existing recreation sites and what
39 Recreation wants to add at the Pope property. V. Garfein added that the sub-
40 committee wants to get on with further site analysis.

41 • Grove Street School and Perry Street lots – J. Kronholm Clark indicated that there was
42 not clear communication regarding Perry St. She added that the Salisbury Housing
43 Trust needs land to build on; she will reach out to John Harney and Leo Gafney about
44 possible additional small properties and donated land.

45 • East Railroad Street – J. Dresser explained that they need a game plan to approach
46 different options.

47 • Community Support for AH – The sub-committee will look at the inventory of smaller
48 Town-owned properties and maybe some that are not Town-owned. J. Kronholm
49 Clark referred to Jocelyn Ayer’s recent comment about changing the dialogue to
50 “investment” in the community. P. Shillingford maintains an email list of about 250
51 supporters of AH, including those who have recently expressed their support for
52 Holley Place. T. Riva will reach out to a contact at a non-profit in Great Barrington to
53 find out more about engagement with the community. J. Kronholm Clark suggested
54 that they go into the Pope property with a strong message from the beginning about
55 their goals for AH. A recent short film about Affordable Housing in Salisbury and
56 other NW Corner towns is available on the SAHC Facebook page and at:

57 [www.salisburycthousing.org. \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hh44leURLds\).](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hh44leURLds)

58 J. Kronholm Clark expressed the need to get going on P. Shillingford’s list of 101
59 questions about Affordable Housing and get them answered. P. Shillingford
60 suggested having the sub-committee meet first to discuss the list.

61 • 414 Millerton Road – Nothing new to report. P. Hackett indicated that there will be a
62 lot line adjustment. There is currently one unit which can be expanded. J. Dresser
63 asked E. Watt to research the property lines and how much of it is Town-owned. E.
64 Watt will look at the tax records.

65 • Explore Additional Properties – The sub-committee will begin their work.

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67 8) New Business – None

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69 9) Public Comment – Bruce Palmer thanked the SAHC for their contributions to AH and offered
70 several comments.

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72 10) Adjournment. So Moved by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by V. Garfein and unanimously
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