

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 25, 2021 12:00PM (VIA ZOOM)

- 1) Call to Order. Present: Jim Dresser, Abeth Slotnick, Vivian Garfein and Mary Close Oppenheimer. In attendance, Peter Halle, Salisbury Housing Committee.
- 2) Approve Agenda. So Moved by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by V. Garfein and unanimously Approved.
- 3) Discussion: Pope Salmon Kill – next steps toward initiating professional site investigations necessary to identify potential usable areas of the property.
Abeth Slotnick gave an update on a meeting that she and J. Dresser had with Curtis Rand the day before. She explained that C. Rand wants the SAHC to give a simple written narrative about housing they would like to have on the Pope property, not a site plan. C. Rand indicated there is no need to do a flora/fauna review now, as that may change over time; the next step would be additional soil testing in areas that were not done previously. The Board of Selectmen will take the lead on the next steps, including the soil testing. C. Rand wants to talk to a couple of people about it, including Scott Stevens, the Soil Scientist who did the soil testing in May, 2019. J. Dresser mentioned that the other Selectmen want to be involved in the process, as well. He added that the 10 year update of the Salisbury POCD (Plan of Conservation and Development) is about to get underway. The Planning & Zoning Commission is in charge of that project and will have a large say in the Pope land development. A. Slotnick mentioned that the soil testing issue will be brought up at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on June 7, 2021, according to C. Rand. V. Garfein mentioned that there could be other wetland issues. Peter Halle indicated that the recent decision about Holley Place is still in the appeal phase. J. Dresser and M. Close Oppenheimer suggested that C. Rand wants Holley Place fully resolved before moving on to the Pope property. Since there is no pre-development funding available this year, other sources of funding will be explored with Jocelyn Ayer at another meeting. M. Close Oppenheimer mentioned a brief site visit at the Pope property is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 11:45am. A. Slotnick indicated that C. Rand and the BoS will put together any RFPs for hiring professionals for development at the Pope property. M. Close Oppenheimer asked how they should come up with a “wish list.” A. Slotnick suggested meeting with members of the SHC, SHT and perhaps Habitat for Humanity. She added that they should use the numbers in the 2018 Affordable Housing Plan data; P. Halle suggested going for the maximum number of units possible. He added that the SHC is still looking at the conditions that were part of the Holley Place decision, if another public hearing would be necessary and the timing about when they go to the State for funding. A. Slotnick will draft a letter to the housing groups to think about what they want on the “wish list” and then schedule a meeting with them to discuss ideas.
- 4) Adjournment. So Moved by J. Dresser, seconded by M. Close Oppenheimer and unanimously Approved.