

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 21, 2021 – 5:30PM (VIA ZOOM)

- 1) Call to Order. Present: Abeth Slotnick, Jim Dresser, Ethan Watt, Mary Close Oppenheimer and Pat Hackett. Absent: Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Pom Shillingford, Vivian Garfein and Tiffany Riva.
- 2) Approval of Agenda. Chair Abeth Slotnick asked for a new Item to be added to the agenda, Item 5) A. Discussion of Lakeview Apartments. A Motion to Approve the Agenda, as amended, was made by J. Dresser, seconded by M. Close Oppenheimer and unanimously Approved.
- 3) Approval of the Minutes of June 16, 2021. So Moved by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by J. Dresser and unanimously Approved.
- 4) Coordinator's Report. There were no new inquiries on the Town website, but Jocelyn Ayer mentioned that she had forwarded 2 inquiries to Tammy Broderick for AH applications. It was reported that the option on Holley Place had been renewed for an additional year by the Board of Selectmen and Peter Halle, Salisbury Housing Committee. New Legislative changes went into effect on July 1, 2021 and will be in place through April, 2022. These changes involve how meetings can be held, how requests to attend are handled, as well as changes to how meetings and agendas must be posted:
 - Remote meetings may continue through April, 2022. If the meeting is all remote, the Town must provide the electronic equipment at a location (Town Hall), if requested in writing at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. Written requests must be received by the Town Clerk, Patricia Williams at either pwilliams@salisburyct.us or 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT 06068.
 - Hybrid meetings can be held if at least 2 Commission members want to meet in person, with public access and with internet access provided. The Town is currently exploring ways to provide this meeting format, in the future.
 - In-person meetings are only required to provide public access. However, if a Commission member or members want remote access, then the hybrid meeting model would be required.
 - Fully remote meetings must have agendas posted at least 48 hours in advance. The Commission will discuss how they would like meetings to continue. Jocelyn Ayer, Salisbury Housing Committee (SHC), talked about the Salisburycthousing.org webpage and the Town SAHC web page. Some of the links are broken, which she can fix. She suggested removing some of the outdated documents from the SAHC web page. M. Close Oppenheimer will review the list and send it around to the SAHC members for recommendations to save, update or delete documents.

5) A. Discussion of Lakeview Apartments

Jocelyn Ayer, SHC, informed the Commission that the 6 rental units of Affordable Housing at the Lakeview Apartments have been offered for sale to the SHC. The Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development no longer exists and the remaining Board member wants to get rid of the property. The SHC has been approached to buy the units for about \$70,000, to pay off some portion of the debt. They are currently managed by CREM/Tammy Broderick. The SHC would like to come to the SAHC to ask for funding to help with the acquisition. M. Close Oppenheimer asked about other potential funding sources; J. Ayer is looking into that and will have more information. The rents will cover some of the cost and the current lender may be willing to write off some of what is owed. A Capital Needs Assessment will also be done to see what the property needs. The timeline is to close as soon as possible. The SHC will bring an application to the SAHC at its next meeting.

B. Holley Place Update. The Option has been renewed. The court case will be moving very slowly.

6) Discussion: Pope Sub-committee Update. A. Slotnick reported that at the last Board of Selectmen meeting, reports had been received from the SAHC and Recreation Department. A new Committee may be formed, but there was no discussion of details. There are questions they would like answered; A. Slotnick will follow up with Curtis Rand.

7) Discussion: 2021 Goals and Sub-Committees. There were no new updates.

8) New Business – None.

9) Chairman's Comments – August meeting will be held, as scheduled.

10) Public Comment – None.

11) Adjournment. So Moved by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by J. Dresser and unanimously Approved.