

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 – 5:00PM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. Present: Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Pat Hackett, Vivian Garfein, Abeth Slotnick, Pom Shillingford and Jim Dresser. Absent: Tiffany Riva and Ethan Watt
2. Approval of the Agenda. So Moved by J. Dresser, seconded by V. Garfein and unanimously Approved.
3. Approval of the Minutes of July 21, 2021. So Moved by V. Garfein, seconded by A. Slotnick and Approved. P. Shillingford did not vote as she had not attended the meeting.
4. Coordinator's Report. There was one inquiry on the website. There were no updates from other housing groups.
5. Discussion: PZC Special Meeting 8/30/2021 – Significant land use legislation passed in the 2021 Session.
V. Garfein listened to the meeting, mentioned the accessory apartments "as-of-right" issue and indicated that the PZC wants the Town to "opt-out." Accessory apartments which meet the requirements for Affordable Housing would be deed-restricted. J. Dresser pointed out that there will be a PZC Special Meeting on this topic. The meeting will be on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 6:30pm. P. Hackett encouraged everyone to read through the legislation to fully understand the implications and to attend the meeting. (Note: At this time, Mary Close Oppenheimer joined the meeting.) There was further brief discussion.
6. Discussion: Board of Selectmen Meeting 9/13/2021
The new Pope Design Committee was announced; it will include SAHC members Abeth Slotnick and Vivian Garfein; Recreation Dir. Lisa McAuliffe; Tim Sinclair, Rec. Comm. member and Ray McGuire. The charge for the Committee will be drafted soon. J. Dresser and A. Slotnick mentioned that the Selectmen will be looking for the funding to start the planning process.
7. Discussion: Pope Sub-Committee Update.
After brief discussion, there were no changes made to the members of this sub-committee.
8. Discussion: 2021 Goals and Sub-Committees
 - Holley Place – no update at this time

- Grove Street and Perry Street – J. Kronholm Clark reported that the Salisbury Housing Trust (SHT) is making some progress on Perry Street; some new surveying work will be done and then they can move on to the next step.
- Community Support for Affordable Housing

M. Close Oppenheimer reported on her review of the Town website/Affordable Housing page. Agendas, recordings of meetings and minutes will remain on that page. More comprehensive information is available on the joint housing website and it can be updated more frequently; the link will be prominently displayed.

J. Kronholm Clark talked about a possible advertising campaign in support of Affordable Housing; the funding could come from the SAHC. Ads in the Lakeville Journal and the Salisbury Association newsletter were suggested, for a general message of awareness. P. Shillingford noted that the timing was important, as well as trying to convert the non-supporters. (Note: At this time, M. Close Oppenheimer left the meeting.) J. Dresser suggested that specific topic guest commentaries in the Lakeville Journal would be good and less expensive.
- East Railroad Street – If access can be obtained, continue to explore development. J. Dresser opened a discussion about possibilities for this property. V. Garfein and P. Shillingford asked for details about the access issue. J. Dresser responded that access is given for a reason, if there is a project; there are some possibilities. J. Kronholm Clark asked about building single family houses for the Housing Trust. A. Slotnick pointed out that getting public support for building AH is important, before going back to a Town Meeting. J. Kronholm Clark asked Members A. Slotnick, J. Dresser and P. Hackett for a summary of the access issues at the next meeting and if real estate transactions might be involved.
- 414 Millerton Road – no updates
- Fundraising/Alternative Funding Sources -- A. Slotnick mentioned that Peter Halle, Salisbury Housing Committee, asked for continued support in future fundraising efforts.
- Explore additional properties – J. Kronholm Clark will reach out to E. Watt for any information.

9. Chairman's Comments – Thank you to Abeth Slotnick for her help as Acting Chair over the summer.

10. Public Comment – None

11. Adjournment. So Moved by P. Hackett, seconded by V. Garfein and unanimously Approved.

