

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 2021 – 5:30PM (VIA ZOOM)

- 1) Call to Order. Present: Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Vivian Garfein, Pom Shillingford, Abeth Slotnick, Pat Hackett, Mary Close Oppenheimer and Ethan Watt. Absent: Tiffany Riva.
- 2) **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by J. Dresser and unanimously **Approved**. Discussion: Additional details added under Item #5 - Administrative Discussion, as posted on the Town website/Agendas. A **Motion to Approve the Agenda, as posted**, was made by P. Shillingford, seconded by A. Slotnick and unanimously **Approved**.
- 3) **Approval of the Minutes of September 22, 2021. So Moved** by A. Slotnick, seconded by M. Close Oppenheimer and unanimously **Approved**.
- 4) Coordinator's Report. There were no new inquiries about housing this past month. The Town/SAHC web page is being updated, as requested. There was good news from John Harney, Salisbury Housing Trust, about progress on the Perry St. project; a site plan and survey are being done. While in-person meetings at Town Hall are still not possible, progress on the technology upgrade is on-going. Zoom meetings will continue.
- 5) Administrative Discussion.
 - Commission Member Re-appointments. The 3 members whose terms are expiring 11/21 are: J. Dresser, E. Watt and T. Riva. J. Dresser has agreed to serve another term; T. Riva has not spoken yet and E. Watt will be stepping down from the SAHC. A **Motion to Recommend to the Board of Selectmen the Re-Appointments of J. Dresser and T. Riva, pending her acceptance, for new 3 year terms**, was made by V. Garfein, seconded by M. Close Oppenheimer and **Approved**. J. Dresser abstained from the vote. Regarding the search for a new Commission member, P. Shillingford and A. Slotnick will bring back the list of former nominees. All names of potential nominees should be sent to P. Shillingford and A. Slotnick for consideration at the next meeting.
 - Draft schedule – 2022 Meeting Dates. The Commission will decide on the 2022 schedule at the next meeting in November.
- 6) Discussion: 2021 Goals and Sub-Committees.
 1. Holley Place – No update
 2. Pope Property – A. Slotnick gave an update on the recent meeting of the Pope Land Design Committee. Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) will be sent to a few planning firms, for their initial response. Funding is available for this pre-development phase. The Board of

Selectmen (BOS) will take the lead and the Committee will advise them. A. Slotnick mentioned focusing on creative design-focused firms, not just policy planners.

3. Grove Street School and Perry Street lots. J. Kronholm Clark reported that things are moving along on Perry St. J. Dresser offered that the SAHC is available to help the Housing Trust.
 4. East Railroad St. J. Dresser informed the Commission that he will be leaving the E. Railroad St. property to the Salisbury Housing Committee (SHC) as a bequest in his will. He indicated that the focus will change from the SAHC to the SHC, since it will be theirs for rental units; discussion will continue with the SHC on moving forward with the project. The Commission thanked J. Dresser for coming up with this solution.
 5. Community Support for AH – Continue to build public support. P. Shillingford reported on a recent meeting and the discussion about the website and a media campaign/PR push. She has contacted one graphic designer already and will be in touch with another about pricing. J. Kronholm Clark mentioned that when they have a proposal put together, it will go to the BOS for approval. She described the joint website, www.salisburycthousing.org, as needing some revisions including changing the layout, focusing on a lot of comprehensive information about AH and supporting a campaign to get more housing built. There will be more discussion about changing the content of the page and the links to resources. The next meeting of the Sub-committee is scheduled for October 28, 2021 at 7pm.
 6. 414 Millerton Rd. – no updates.
 7. Fundraising/Alternative Funding Sources – on hold now.
 8. Explore Additional Properties – Research other property options in town. E. Watt will return all materials to J. Dresser.
- 7) Chairman’s Comments – Done
- 8) Public Comment -- None
- 9) **Adjournment. So Moved** by P. Hackett, seconded by P. Shillingford and unanimously **Approved**.