

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 21, 2022 – 5:30PM (VIA ZOOM)

- 1) Call to Order. Present: Mary Close Oppenheimer, Jim Dresser, Jon Higgins, Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Lee Sullivan, Abeth Slotnick. (Pat Hackett arrived after the meeting was called to order)
Absent: Vivian Garfein and Katie White.
- 2) **Approval of the Agenda. So Moved** by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by L. Sullivan and unanimously **Approved**.
- 3) **Approval of the Minutes of June 16, 2022. So Moved** by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by A. Slotnick and unanimously **Approved**.
- 4) Coordinator's Report. There was one inquiry about AH, which will be referred to CREM.
- 5) Discussion: Candidates for Communications Consultant – Community Engagement Mini-Grant Program, Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity.
L. Sullivan described the process used by the Subcommittee. Four responses were received; all were exceptional and got great references. All 4 were interviewed and asked the same set of questions (Minutes of the meeting and recording are posted online at: <https://www.salisburyct.us/boards-commissions-committees/affordable-housing/>) The Subcommittee enthusiastically supports recommending Hannah Poulter to fill the role of Communications Consultant. (Abeth Slotnick will recuse herself from the final vote, as she is Hannah Poulter's mother.) L. Sullivan briefly described her qualifications. Hannah will help create a communications strategy and implement the tasks to carry it out. After brief discussion, A **Motion to Recommend Hannah Poulter to Fill the Role of Communications Consultant, Under the Grant Provided, to the Board of Selectmen**, was made by L. Sullivan and seconded by J. Dresser. **Motion Approved**, with 1 abstention.
- 6) Discussion: 2022 Goals and Subcommittees
 - Holley Place – No update. Petr Halle, Salisbury Housing Committee (SHC), mentioned that the pre-development loan does not cover the legal costs; they may need help in the future. J. Dresser suggested a "major-donor" campaign.
 - Pope Property – No update. A. Slotnick noted that Curtis Rand will handle the next steps. 3 designs were chosen for discussion.
 - Perry Street lot – At the recent Town Meeting, the sale of the lot to the Salisbury Housing Trust (SHT) was approved. The timing is still a question. M. Close Oppenheimer mentioned that she may have a good resource for the SHT.

- Community Support for Affordable Housing – There was a lengthy discussion about the upcoming Town Meeting, messaging that should be used and how the emails would be sent out. Peter Halle recommended sending out email notices to as many people as possible. J. Kronholm Clark noted that the information about the Town meeting is on Facebook. She will make the subject line clear when sending out the emails; she will also put the info on the website. J. Dresser pointed out that the SHC will handle phone calls and publicity for the meeting.
- 414 Millerton Road – No update.
- Fundraising/Alternative Funding Sources – No update tonight.
- Explore Additional Properties – No update.
- Sustainability Committee – No update.

7) Chairman's Comments -- Keep up the good work; positive momentum going on in Town.

8) Public Comment – Peter Halle – Thank you!

9) **Adjournment. So Moved** by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by P. Hackett and unanimously **Approved**. The meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.