

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 16, 2022 – 5:30PM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. Present: Mary Close Oppenheimer, Pat Hackett, Vivian Garfein, Jim Dresser, Abeth Slotnick, Lee Sullivan, Jon Higgins, Katie White and Jennifer Kronholm Clark.
2. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by L. Sullivan and unanimously **Approved**.
3. **Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2022. So Moved** by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by A. Slotnick and unanimously **Approved**.
4. Coordinator's Report. There were no new inquiries about housing from the website and no updates from other Housing groups. There were no responses yet to the RFQ--Communications Consultant.
5. Discussion: Community Engagement Mini-Grant Program, Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity. J. Kronholm Clark and K. White will post the RFQ on the Facebook media page. M. Close Oppenheimer will contact some people she knows. J. Kronholm Clark suggested voting now to approve up to \$500 for additional advertising, if necessary. A **Motion to Authorize the Expenditure of up to \$500 for Additional Advertising the RFQ, if Needed**, was made by J. Kronholm Clark, seconded by V. Garfein and unanimously **Approved**. If needed, M. Close Oppenheimer would draft a letter which could go into the Salisbury email newsletter in July.
6. Discussion: 2022 Goals and Subcommittees.
 - Holley Place – V. Garfein mentioned that a response Motion had been filed by the Plaintiffs, claiming "Destruction of Centennial Park."
 - Pope Property – V. Garfein noted that 3 concept schemes from the consultants are being put forward to the Board of Selectmen. The public approach is being slowed during the summer, while details are worked out.
 - Grove Street School and Perry Street lots – The Salisbury Housing Trust is exploring pre-development work.
 - Community Support for Affordable Housing – J. Dresser noted that Pom Shillingford had sent a big list of email addresses. He added that the major focus is the first information session in 2 weeks, continuing to build support and getting the word out. There was discussion about combining the spreadsheets and adding names. J. Higgins suggested keeping the message consistent in all documents and being positive about this new proposal. J. Kronholm Clark indicated that one post needs to be created; the content

should be stylized images and a few words, mostly graphic design. She suggested that the best use was get people to come to the information sessions with no details of the proposals, just keep it short.

- 414 Millerton Road – No progress report until Fall.
- Fundraising/Alternative Funding Sources – L. Sullivan is researching Enterprise Housing.
- Explore Additional Properties – L. Sullivan will research Assessor's maps. Another property may be added; she will talk to Leo Gafney at the Salisbury Housing Trust (SHT). J. Kronholm Clark pointed out that the SHT does not want to hold on to empty properties. There was discussion about other possible options, such as accessory buildings, deed restrictions and tax breaks, which may require legal advice; J. Kronholm Clark may contact Jocelyn Ayer for ideas. L. Sullivan noted that the McChesney Fund, administered by Salisbury Family Services, can help qualified residents with loans for a primary dwelling, such as a down-payment. J. Dresser mentioned how parcels could be donated for Affordable Housing. P. Hackett referred to Ordinances of the Town of Salisbury, No. 108, and page 87: Ordinance Regarding Affordable Housing Subdivision Exemption.
- Sustainability – L. Sullivan and A. Slotnick had talked about having a short presentation at a future meeting, about this topic, for the Affordable Housing groups in Town; there are projects in Norfolk and Kent, as examples.

7. Chairman's Comments – None

8. Public Comment – None

9. **Adjournment. So Moved** by L. Sullivan, seconded by V. Garfein and unanimously **Approved.**