

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 18, 2022 – 5:30PM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. Present: Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Vivian Garfein, Lee Sullivan, Mary Close Oppenheimer, Abeth Slotnick, and Katie White. Absent: Jon Higgins, Jim Dresser and Pat Hackett. Attending: Hannah Pouler
2. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by L. Sullivan, seconded by M. Close Oppenheimer and unanimously **Approved**.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of July 21, 2022. So Moved** by L. Sullivan, seconded by M. Close Oppenheimer and unanimously **Approved**.
4. Coordinator's Report. There was 1 inquiry about Affordable Housing. Updates from other Housing organizations:
  - Peter Halle, Salisbury Housing Committee (SHC), reported that they are waiting for a contract for the East Railroad Street access from Curtis Rand and the Town Attorney; the next step will be applying for pre-development funding. There was no update on Holley Place. The SHC is hoping for the final funding to come through for Sarum Village III and the Lakeview Apartments.
  - J. Kronholm Clark reported that the Salisbury Housing Trust (SHT) is making an offer on an East Main Street property on the north side of the street abutting Dunham Drive which they want to renovate.
5. Welcome Hannah Pouler, SAHC Communications Consultant—Discussion of new role. J. Kronholm Clark and H. Pouler met about sorting email lists and setting up an email system. The Community Engagement Sub-Committee will meet soon, with H. Pouler included. The meeting will be noticed. There were suggestions to have boards made up, prepare communications and creating materials, in advance of an event.
6. Discussion: 2022 Goals and Subcommittees
  - Holley Place – no new discussion
  - Pope Property – 3 Design Concepts have been chosen
  - Grove Street School and Perry Street lots – The approval of Perry St. for the SHT was successful; they are talking to modular home builders. V. Garfein noted that there could still be a liability issue. There are no plans for Grove St. now; maybe in the future.

- Community Support for AH – About 300 people visited the Salisbury Association in the Academy Street building at the recent Lakeville Journal celebration. H. Pouler suggested getting some exposure at a community event like Fall Festival.
- 414 Millerton Road – Nothing at this time.
- Fundraising/Alternative Funding Sources – L. Sullivan reported that she is following Enterprise Housing. She mentioned that FEMA has funds for multi-family housing, which could be used for creating or rebuilding housing. She added that the new Federal Bill, the Inflation Reduction Act, has funds for AH. Peter Halle mentioned that the SHC will be talking about a targeted fund-raising effort for their legal bills.
- Explore Additional Properties – Nothing now
- Sustainability Committee – L. Sullivan would like to have a presentation at some type of a meeting, perhaps something with Berkshire Taconic. H. Pouler suggested starting small, for Salisbury first, by creating positivity. There will be further conversation about where some type of meeting could be held.

7. Chairman's Comments – Thanks to all.

8. Public Comment – None

9. **Adjournment. So Moved** by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by V. Garfein and unanimously Approved.