

POPE LAND DESIGN COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 2023 – 10:00AM (VIA ZOOM)

Present: Lisa McAuliffe, Vivian Garfein, Abeth Slotnick, Ray McGuire, Curtis Rand.

Public attending: Jocelyn Ayer and George Massey

Discussion: Next Steps

R. McGuire suggested arranging a meeting with the Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) to get a detailed response from them; V. Garfein, A. Slotnick and C. Rand agreed.

Jocelyn Ayer, VP Salisbury Housing Committee (SHC) and Director of Center for Housing Opportunity/Litchfield County, offered her comments on the 3 concept designs presented on January 26, 2023. She expressed concern that only one of the designs would work for the SHC, to be able to do the fundraising; mixed uses would be difficult. A. Slotnick asked how the physical plan of the design affects funding; Ms. Ayer suggested that the mix of rental housing and home ownership would be more complicated. V. Garfein noted that it could be difficult legally to mix the housing types. Ms. Ayer added her concerns that the design cost per unit could be too high to be funded. R. McGuire indicated that this Committee (PLDC) would be going forward to the PZC; they will stay in touch with the SHC. He suggested that Phil Barlow (Consultant) will be sensitive to costs and noted the importance of getting input from the PZC.

R. McGuire asked George Massey for comments; Mr. Massey would like to give his plans to the PZC. C. Rand indicated that the PLDC will be going first to the PZC; Mr. Massey can pursue ideas on his own.

R. McGuire suggested that concerns about the housing mix are premature, they will be addressed later on; V. Garfein added that there could be problems splitting out the land. C. Rand pointed out that recreation uses stay in the plans.

A copy of the January 26, 2023 PowerPoint presentation will be obtained from Phil Barlow.

R. McGuire will contact Abby Conroy to ask for a meeting with the PZC; L. McAuliffe agreed that meeting with the PZC to get their concerns and what will be allowed should be first.

A Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by V. Garfein, seconded by S. Slotnick and unanimously Approved.