

## SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 16, 2023 – 5:30PM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. Present: Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Lee Sullivan, Vivian Garfein, Abeth Slotnick, Katie White, Jim Dresser, Pat Hackett and Hannah Pouler (Consultant). Absent: Mary Close Oppenheimer and Jon Higgins.
2. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by L. Sullivan, seconded by A. Slotnick and unanimously **Approved**.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of February 16, 2023. So Moved** by J. Dresser, seconded by A. Slotnick and unanimously **Approved**.
4. Coordinator's Report. One request had been forwarded to CREM. Members were encouraged to pick up their "Volunteer" hats at Town Hall.
5. Update: Hannah Pouler, Communications Consultant
  - Reminder: Lakeville Planning Study event at the Town Grove, March 18<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm.
  - The Litchfield Center for Housing Opportunity is hosting a webinar on Communications Planning for Housing Non-Profits. H. Pouler will share "best practices."
  - She is writing about accessory apartments for the March newsletter edit
  - Past newsletters are now posted on the website: <https://us9.campaign-archive.com/home/?id=f9f8c2a92e&u=e1704efc8ba2e41d20eb1004c>
  - The sign-up link for the SAHC newsletter will be in the next Town newsletter
  - Planning for the AH event with the Salisbury Association during Fall Festival has started
6. Discussion: 2023 Goals and Subcommittees
  - Housing Committee Properties – Peter Halle (SHC) gave an update: Holley Place can now start to find funding. Sarum Village III and Lakeview Apartments are waiting to receive approved funds. East Railroad Street (ERR) is accelerating now; QA&M Architecture has been selected. J. Dresser pointed out that they must get pre-development funding. L. Sullivan mentioned that the ERR Advisory Group has put together a good "inspiration" document which may go on AH social media.
  - Pope Property – V. Garfein talked about the good responses from the PZC on the 3 concept designs. The Pope Land Design Committee (PLDC) had a meeting; A. Slotnick is sending her design modifications to the consultant. An advisory group with neighbors may be formed. A. Slotnick noted the process will be for the PLDC to select one concept to be presented and get public input on it.

- Housing Trust – J. Kronholm Clark indicated that they are trying to finish 70 E. Main Street soon and that fundraising is going well. She noted that there may be an opportunity for the Perry Street property to get funding through Congresswoman Jahana Hayes.
- Community Support for AH – A. Slotnick talked about the AH exhibit at the Academy Building; it will open on September 30<sup>th</sup> and be there for 2 months. The Housing groups will be represented, as well as the history of the Salisbury Association with AH. There will be photos, maps, stories and other exhibits on display. H. Pouler will be working on the project. She will contact Jeanette Weber, who is researching the Salisbury Association history with AH; then work with the subcommittee.
- Fundraising/Alternative Sources – J. Dresser talked about a recent meeting that he and J. Higgins had with Curtis Rand. They asked for an increase to the AH Fund and will go back to C. Rand again. He is going to get information from Patty Williams about conveyance fees. J. Higgins will talk to Michael Klemens about Airbnb's and new fees.
- Explore Additional Properties – J. Dresser suggested that Town-owned properties could be sold at market rates and the proceeds given to AH.
- Sustainability Committee – L. Sullivan reported that she is looking into the rebates for heat pumps available. J. Dresser mentioned that there may be a donor interested in sustainable AH.
- Town Plan Committee – AH Plan update is required in 2023. L. Sullivan will have updated data in mid-April from Jocelyn Ayer; there will be a meeting later in April to share the data. The next step will be a "survey-monkey" of the community. There is a plan to have an ice-cream social at the Town Grove in June. L. Sullivan would like to have a meeting with P&Z; V. Garfein suggested contacting Abby Conroy (Land Use).

7. Monthly Newsletter Items – H. Pouler will include items from this meeting.

8. Chairman's Comments – None

9. Public Comments – None

10. **Adjournment. So Moved** by P. Hackett, seconded by A. Slotnick and unanimously **Approved.**