

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING – PRESENTATION

JUNE 17, 2023 – 2 TO 4PM – SALISBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Salisbury Affordable Housing (AH) Plan Update

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the update to the Town's AH Plan. Jennifer Kronholm Clark, SAHC Chair, gave the introduction to the draft Plan; it is the required 5-year update of the 2018 AH Plan. There haven't been significant changes to the Plan, except the new goal for affordable rental and home-ownership units is 100 (up from 75).

Lee Sullivan, SAHC member, talked about the results from a survey done last month, to get community input. She showed slides which highlighted some of the questions and responses. The results will be on the website: <https://www.salisburycthousing.org/>

J. Kronholm Clark went over elements of the 2023 Plan update, including a list of 6 housing sites which are in different stages of planning and development in Lakeville and Salisbury. When finalized, the 2023 AH Plan will be sent to the Board of Selectmen for review and then a vote to adopt it. (The 2018 AH Plan can be found at: <https://www.salisburyct.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2018-Salisbury-CT-Affordable-Housing-Plan.pdf>)

Comments & Questions

- A suggestion to have a map of all the locations where affordable housing is being considered or planned.
- A question about the "average" rent; there is no average because there a lot of different levels of income. There are a number of units targeted to each of the various income levels.
- Fair Housing Laws – Income-qualified applicants have equal opportunity to apply.
- Building age-restricted housing; it is harder to do, but some design changes can be made.
- Asked if the current AH model is working, the answer was yes, and a portion of the rent is retained for maintenance.
- The length of time it takes to build AH, due to fund raising and construction schedules.
- Accessory apartment applications have increased, but have not necessarily created AH; most are used privately.

The presentation concluded with an ice cream social, well attended and enjoyed by all.

