

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 20, 2023 – 5:30PM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. Present: Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Vivian Garfein, Lee Sullivan, Abeth Slotnick, Jim Dresser, Mary Close Oppenheimer, Jon Higgins, Pat Hackett, Katie White and Hannah Pouler (Consultant).
2. **Approval of the Agenda. So Moved** by L. Sullivan, seconded by M. Close Oppenheimer and unanimously **Approved**.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of June 15, 2023. So Moved** by J. Dresser, seconded by V. Garfein and unanimously **Approved**.
4. Coordinator's Report. There were 5 inquiries about affordable housing in the last 2 months which were referred to CREM.
5. Discussion: Updating Town AH Plan
The actual survey results will not be in the Plan update, but it will be mentioned that a communications survey was done, along with the re-cap of the ice cream social. J. Kronholm Clark will clarify the reference to Fair Housing Laws in the one-page introductory letter. Other members offered brief comments and edits, which J. Kronholm Clark will incorporate into the final draft. **A Motion to Approve the 2023 Update of the Salisbury Affordable Housing Plan, as Written, and Recommend to the BOS to Adopt the Final Draft**, was made by L. Sullivan, seconded by K. White and unanimously **Approved**.
6. Discussion: 2023 Goals and Subcommittees
 - Housing Committee Properties – J. Dresser reported that progress is being made on all current projects, but no money has been received yet.
 - Pope Property – A. Slotnick reported that the Pope Land Design Committee will be meeting with the Housing groups at the SAHC September 21, 2023 meeting. The Committee is trying to modify Concept Plan #6. No early comments are required; it will not be a Public Hearing, just the regular public comments at the meeting.
 - Housing Trust Properties – Judy Gafney (SHT) reported that they are waiting on Perry St. A formal letter of request is going to the BOS, regarding Grove St. J. Dresser asked if the SHT is applying for financing; J. Kronholm Clark answered yes, David Berto and Jocelyn Ayer are working on it, then it will need to go to Town Meeting to be approved. J. Kronholm Clark added that they are looking into a \$100k grant, through Jahana Hayes office, to hook-up the utilities. Ms. Gafney had nothing

substantial to report about fundraising; the applicant for 70 E. Main St. is still working on the mortgage.

- Community Support for AH – The Salisbury Association Exhibit will open on September 30, 2023 in the Academy Building and continue through October, including Fall Festival. Jocelyn Ayer’s group is working with a consultant for towns just getting started on AH; Salisbury is way ahead. On Sunday, August 13, 2023, the Lakeville Journal Community Fair will take place on Academy Street from 12 – 6pm. The SHT will have 2 tables and all Housing group members are invited to volunteer some time. H. Pouler suggests having an email sign-up sheet.
- Fundraising/Alternative Sources – M. Close Oppenheimer had no update
- Explore Additional properties – L. Sullivan had no update. A. Slotnick talked about a shared file system available from the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity; she will get more information. J. Dresser suggested using it, if it is free.
- Sustainability Committee – Nothing at this time
- Town Plan Committee – Done

7. Communications Consultant Update/ Monthly Newsletter Items

H. Pouler reported that she is making last-minute fixes and working on the graphics for the Salisbury Association Exhibit. The newsletter edit will feature the AH challenge in the context of Litchfield County. The August 13th and September 30th events will be mentioned; that will go in the Town monthly newsletter, also. J. Kronholm Clark / SHT will send out press releases regarding the \$10k grant information.

8. Chairman’s Comments – Welcome to Maud Doyle, Lakeville Journal reporter.

9. Public Comment – None.

10. **Adjournment. So Moved** by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by L. Sullivan and unanimously **Approved.**

Note: The SAHC meeting August 17, 2023 is cancelled.

The next regular meeting will be September 21, 2023.