

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 16, 2024 – 5:00PM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. Present: Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Vivian Garfein, Jon Higgins, Jim Dresser, Abeth Slotnick, Katie White, Lee Sullivan, Mary Close Oppenheimer, Pat Hackett and Hannah Pouler (Consultant).
2. **Approval of the Agenda. So Moved** by A. Slotnick, seconded by K. White and unanimously **Approved**.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of April 15, 2024. So Moved** by A. Slotnick, seconded by K. White and unanimously **Approved**. **Approval of the Minutes of April 18, 2024. So Moved** by V. Garfein, seconded by A. Slotnick and unanimously **Approved**. **Approval of the Minutes of April 26, 2024.** J. Higgins asked that the Public Comment should be amended to include: “There were several comments and positive information from the public applauding the work of the subcommittee.” **A Motion to Approve the Minutes of April 26, 2024, as amended**, was made by V. Garfein, seconded by L. Sullivan and unanimously **Approved**.
4. Coordinator’s Report. There was one inquiry about available rental housing which was referred. It was suggested that all letters of support for Dresser Woods go directly to the SHC: salisburyhousingcommittee@gmail.com and to Lindsay Larson: lindsayl@thehousingcollective.org
5. Discussion: 2024 Goals and Subcommittees
 - Housing Committee Properties – Peter Halle reported that Sarum Village III should be ready this summer, ahead of schedule. Dresser Woods is applying for a grant for infrastructure. Holley Place went to P&Z with minor modifications which were approved; the consolidated application will now be submitted to the State for financing. The interior work on the Lakeview Apartments has been started by CREM.
 - Pope Property – Site meeting on June 6th at 5:00pm, followed by a Public Information Forum at 6:30pm in Town Hall.
 - Housing Trust Properties – J. Kronholm Clark reported that the Notices to Abutters had not gone out for the P&Z Public Hearing on Grove Street next week, so it will be continued on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:45pm. The SHT had applied for State funding for Perry Street, bundled together with other houses. The RFPs have gone out to builders for 9 houses and that info will also be included in the newsletter. Hopefully, a builder will be identified by the end of summer so that work can begin in the fall.

- Advocacy for AH – J. Kronholm Clark will update the website, regarding emails to go out around the public hearings. There will also be information about June 6th for the Pope Property events.
 - Fundraising/Alternative Fundraising Sources – L. Sullivan reported that Rep. Maria Horn would like to attend the SAHC meeting in June to go over the Homestead Property Tax Exemption details. The SAHC members can send their questions in advance to L. Sullivan, who will send them to Maria Horn’s assistant. A. Slotnick attended a recent meeting of the NW CT Regional Housing Council and heard that a new acquisition loan is available at a low rate and can be obtained quickly for affordable housing purchases. J. Kronholm Clark mentioned another program for “seed” funding loans that is available; A. Slotnick mentioned that those loans are supposed to be paid back, to be available again for other projects.
 - Explore Additional Properties – L. Sullivan asked P. Hackett if he needs any help with mapping the properties; he will be using the GIS available. S. Slotnick mentioned that there will be a webinar on May 30th on acquisition funding; look for email from Jocelyn Ayer.
 - Sustainability – L. Sullivan, J. Dresser and A. Slotnick are trying to meet with a potential donor about sustainability funds for Dresser Woods.
 - Housing Affordability Committee – Nothing at this time
6. Communications Consultant Update / Monthly Newsletter Items – H. Pouler
Emails will go out about the delay of the PZC Public Hearing to June 3, 2024; the Dresser Woods Hearing on May 23, 2024; other notices will go in the regular month-end newsletter. A. Slotnick mentioned a noticing webinar on workforce housing on May 23rd also.
7. Public Comment – There was one comment of thanks to the SAHC for all of the work they are doing to keep things moving. V. Garfein expressed her thanks for the letter of support in the Lakeville Journal.
8. Chairman’s Comments – J. Kronholm Clark is excited that so much is happening and commented on all of the good work being done.
9. **Adjournment. So Moved** by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by J. Dresser and unanimously **Approved.**