

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 – 5:30PM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. Present: Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Lee Sullivan, Mary Close Oppenheimer, Vivian Garfein, Abeth Slotnick, Pat Hackett, Kevin Cantele and Hannah Pouler (Communications Consultant). Absent: Jim Dresser and Jon Higgins.
2. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by A. Slotnick, seconded by M. Close Oppenheimer, **With All in Favor.**
3. **Approval of Minutes of July 17, 2025. So Moved** by L. Sullivan, seconded by M. Close Oppenheimer, **With All in Favor.**
4. Coordinator's Report – There was 1 inquiry which was referred to CREM. Reminder: 3 Members terms are up for renewal in November; that will be on the Agenda in October for discussion.
5. Discussion: Review Affordable Housing Fund – No update at this time.
6. Discussion: 2025 Goals and Subcommittees / Updates
 - Housing Committee Properties – A. Slotnick reported that they are fixing up Bostwick St. and may come to the SAHC for funds to help with that; repairs on on-going at Lakeville Apartments and some work at Sarum Village
 - Housing Trust Properties – J. Kronholm Clark gave an update on the progress at Undermountain Road; one house on Perry St. closed; they are still looking for qualified applicants for the other house on Perry and the 2 on Undermountain, as getting mortgages has been difficult. The obstacle is getting people with income that can pay the mortgage, not just the down payment; they need decent credit scores.
 - Advocacy for AH – J. Kronholm Clark noted that there are events coming up: the Republican candidates' event; the LCCHO summit on Sept. 29, 2025, which L. Sullivan and A. Slotnick will attend; and Fall Festival in October. A Motion to Support Fall Festival at the \$259 level was made by V. Garfein, seconded by L. Sullivan and unanimously Approved. There will be a table there on Sat. Oct. 11th – stop by to help staff it. M. Close Oppenheimer would like to do more interviews for stories, if anyone has ideas.
 - Alternative Funding Sources – No update at this time
 - Explore Additional Properties – No update at this time
 - Sustainability Committee – L. Sullivan asked if there were any updates on solar at Sarum Village, A. Slotnick answered there were none yet.

- Housing Affordability Committee – No updates at this time
- Pope Property – J. Kronholm Clark reported that there is a request from the Pope Land Design Committee (PLDC) to the SAHC, dated September 15, 2025, to support the 8-24 Review at the PZC. V. Garfein described the map, including the DEEP-approved wood turtle conservation areas, the recreation area losses, and the housing area gains. A. Slotnick pointed out that the Town will take over the conservation areas that DEEP has approved; now they are going for the 8-24 Review and the next steps. The letter of support from the SAHC will go towards the 8-24 Review. M. Close Oppenheimer asked about the fences; V. Garfein described the restoration and conserved habitat areas. A. Slotnick noted that the habitat areas will need to be maintained; L. Sullivan commented that it's important to understand who will pay for it. J. Kronholm Clark commented that there are no decisions now, these are just concepts. **Motion: For the SAHC to Send a Letter of Support to the PLDC for the 3 Proposed Uses of the Municipally-Owned Pope Property Land, as Shown on the Map, and that it is Consistent with the Town POCD for the 8-24 Review by the PZC. Motion** was made by V. Garfein, seconded by P. Hackett, and **Approved, With All in Favor**. A. Slotnick noted that the PLDC is the author of the Request document, the 8-24 Referral for Town-owned Pope and Trotta field site; please respond to them.

7. Communications Consultant Update / Monthly Newsletter Items

H. Pouler asked if there were any new ideas for editorial this month; Peter Halle (SHC) commented that SHC will have the financial closing on Holley Place before the end of the year. H. Pouler commented on the updates and events that will be included; the link to register for the LCCHO summit will be listed also.

8. Public Comments – P. Halle informed the members that Jim Dresser is very ill and will not be attending any more meetings. The members agreed to send a note to his wife that she can read to him; J. Kronholm Clark will write the letter. Members may also send separate notes.

9. Chairman's Comments – J. Kronholm Clark expressed that the contributions Jim has made to the Town and to Affordable Housing are hard to enumerate; he has been a driving force in Town and has an amazing legacy and appreciated being able to work with him.

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