

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 19, 2026 – 5:30PM (REMOTE)

1. Call to Order. Present: Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Jon Higgins, Mary Close Oppenheimer, Abeth Slotnick, Pat Hackett and Hannah Pouler (Communications Consultant). Absent: Lee Sullivan, Richard Tennyson, Vivian Garfein and Kevin Cantele.
2. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by A. Slotnick, seconded by M. Close Oppenheimer, **With All in Favor.**
3. **Approval of Minutes of February 19, 2026. So Moved** by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by A. Slotnick, **With All in Favor. Approval of Minutes of March 4, 2026 – Tabled**
4. Coordinator's Report –One inquiry about AH was referred to CREM and the Housing Trust.
5. Affordable Housing Fund Update -- J. Kronholm Clark reported that Joe Cleaveland announced that the AH Fund will receive \$10k from the Estate of Jim Dresser. The current amount in the Fund is \$45,449. J. Higgins reported that, according to Curtis Rand, the new budget line item for the Fund will be \$100,000, if approved.
6. Discussion: 2026 Goals and Subcommittees

J. Kronholm Clark announced that Vivian Garfein had resigned from the SAHC; all members were sorry to lose her. M. Close Oppenheimer suggested backtracking to prior candidates and put the announcement in the newsletter. A. Slotnick suggested reaching out to Carl Culbreth and Carol Magowan to see if they are still interested.

- Housing Committee Properties – A. Slotnick reported that the groundbreaking at Holley Place will be on March 24, 2026 at 11:00am; all is in place. The Lakeview Apartments will get the new fire escape soon. Work on Bostwick St. is proceeding; the third unit outcome is still undetermined.
- Pope Property – J. Kronholm Clark reported that Jocelyn Ayer is working on shifting the line a bit on the layout for more room for sports activities by moving the tree line back further; it is just a proposal.
- Housing Trust – J. Kronholm Clark reported that the Trust has approved 2 new buyers and hopes they get mortgages. J. Kronholm Clark commented that her term is up and she is going off the SHT board; they need a new member.
- Advocacy of AH – J. Kronholm Clark announced that there will be an event at the Library on May 2, 2026 from 4 to 5:30pm for multiple private non-profits. The SAHC could sponsor

refreshments; A. Slotnick will figure out what is needed. A. Slotnick suggested having a vote on an amount limit. A **Motion to Approve up to \$150.00 in Support of the Library Event** was made by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by A. Slotnick, **With All in Favor**.

- Legislative Opportunities and Funding & Affordability – J. Higgins has continued discussions with the Town. Curtis Rand had pointed out that a mill rate increase would affect everyone, including low price value properties. Further discussion is needed, regarding application. J. Higgins noted that there would need to be a Town vote at the same meeting, regarding any mill rate change and anything about the Homestead Act. J. Higgins will talk to Joe Cleaveland again. L. Sullivan will be asked to look into the Homestead Act for next month.
- Explore Additional Properties – P. Hackett had no update.
- Sustainability – A. Slotnick had no update

7. Communications Consultant Update / Monthly Newsletter Items -- H. Pouler mentioned that the editorial item will be the Holley Place groundbreaking, if the newsletter goes out before March 24<sup>th</sup> and if resource people can be contacted in time. The “time capsules” have been removed already. H. Pouler will check in with Peter Halle and Lou Bucceri. An announcement will be made about the SAHC and SHT open seats. Items from this meeting will be updated. There will also be a “thank you” to Vivian Garfein.
8. Public Comment – None
9. Chairman’s Comments -- J. Kronholm Clark expressed thanks and gratitude to Vivian Garfein for all of her service to the SAHC.
10. **Adjournment. So Moved** by P. Hackett, seconded by M. Close Oppenheimer, **With All in Favor**.