

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 16, 2026 – 5:30PM (REMOTE)

1. Call to Order. Present: Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Lee Sullivan, Kevin Cantele, Richard Tennyson, Mary Close Oppenheimer and Hannah Pouler (Communications Consultant). Absent: Jon Higgins, Abeth Slotnick and Pat Hackett.
2. Approval of Agenda. J. Kronholm Clark added a new item, #5.a. New Members discussion. A **Motion to Approve the Agenda, as Amended**, was made by M. Close Oppenheimer, seconded by L. Sullivan, **With All in Favor**.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of March 4, 2026 (Subcommittee). So Moved** by L. Sullivan, seconded by R. Tennyson, **With M. Close Oppenheimer in Favor**.  
**Approval of the Minutes of March 19, 2026. Tabled.**
4. Affordable Housing Fund Update. J. Kronholm Clark did not have new information; the previous month balance was \$45,449.
5. Request from SHC for \$35,000 for Sewer Hook-up Fee at Holley Place  
Peter Halle, SHC, explained the request. The SAHC asked when the \$35,000 balance is actually due; the SHC will find out. Further discussion was Tabled.  
  
5. A. New Members discussion. J. Kronholm Clark reported that they had received 2 inquiries from the newsletter. Carl Culbreth is no longer available. Carol Magowan is still interested. Mary Wilbur is interested and will be invited to the next meeting for an interview.
6. 2026 Goals and Subcommittees
  - SHC—There were 2 articles in the Lakeville Journal about the groundbreaking at Holley Place.
  - Pope Property – No update
  - SHT – R. Tennyson reported that the last 2 available houses may close by the end of May. There will be a fundraiser dance in July. SHT now has a sustainability fund established. 3 new Board members are joining.
  - Advocacy for AH – J. Kronholm Clark attended a meeting with other Litchfield Co. housing groups; a lot is happening. The LCCHO sent out Earth Day posts; SAHC agreed to add them to the newsletter. Regarding community outreach, creating a survey about the Pope property was discussed. M. Close Oppenheimer commented that they need more information first; there could be a general survey about AH, funding, and new builds. R. Tennyson commented that definitive maps and timing are needed. The

consensus was to wait 6 months to discuss further. H. Pouler mentioned that there is a broad communication strategy run-up to a Town vote. The survey could be timed so it could have public input into the process before a vote.

- Legislative Opportunities and Funding & Affordability – J. Kronholm Clark and J. Higgins met at Town Hall to talk about new sources of funding; they were told to come up with a list of tangible projects. Jocelyn Ayer and the SHT are working on it. L. Sullivan commented that the new CT State housing bill may have impacts on P&Z; she is looking into it. Property tax relief is also under consideration.
- Explore additional properties – No update
- Sustainability – No update

7. Communications Consultant Update / Monthly Newsletter Items

H. Pouler will include the Holley Place photos, save the date for the July dance and the Earth Day graphic. The edit may be on the “Homestead Act”; L. Sullivan suggested asking Lindsay at the LCCHO about it and to mention that it was enacted in New Milford. H. Pouler and the SAHC will research it.

8. Public Comment – None

9. Chairman’s Comments – Thanks to all

10. **Adjournment. So Moved** by L. Sullivan, seconded by M. Close Oppenheimer, **With All in Favor.**