

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 – 5:30PM (REMOTE)

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm. Present: Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Lee Sullivan, Carol Magowan, Richard Tennyson, Mary Close Oppenheimer, Abeth Slotnick, Pat Hackett, Kevin Cantele, Hannah Pouler (Communications Consultant) and Georgia Petry (SAHC Coordinator). Absent: Jon Higgins.
2. **Approval of the Agenda. So Moved** by C. Magowan, seconded by A. Slotnick, **With All in Favor.**
3. **Approval of the Minutes of August 20, 2026.** A. Slotnick asked for corrections to typos: Under Item 9, “Peter Halle”, not Hale; under Item 11, “Axela Construction”, not Acela. A **Motion to Approve the Minutes, As Amended**, was made by L. Sullivan, seconded by C. Magowan, and **Approved with 1 Abstention**, M. Close Oppenheimer was not present.
4. Coordinator’s Report – One inquiry about AH rentals had been received and referred to CREM. G. Petry commented on one element of when people reach out to find out about the availability of AH rentals. J. Kronholm Clark suggested that it could be a topic for a newsletter. L. Sullivan suggested having an explanation on the website; J. Kronholm Clark suggested there could be a link to past newsletters. J. Kronholm Clark will go through the website to update it.
5. Discussion: Salisbury Fall Festival October 9 thru 11, 2026.
The SAHC will host a table and invite the SHC and SHT, with the focus on Sat. 10/10; L. Sullivan suggested checking the weather first, in case of changes. J. Kronholm Clark will send around a sign-up sheet for Friday &/or Saturday. L. Sullivan will bring hard copy mailers; M. Close Oppenheimer will bring booklets and the members will coordinate.
6. Affordable Housing Fund Update – The BOS addressed the recent funding recommendations and will have a Special Meeting on September 22, 2026 to discuss further.
7. Discussion: 2026 Goals and Subcommittees / Updates
 - Housing Committee Properties – A. Slotnick reported that the Bostwick St. trenching is almost done; they are hoping to get permits for Unit B. Holley Place will need \$175-185k for remediation; there may be contingency money or something else. M. Close Oppenheimer asked about a bridge loan; A. Slotnick responded no, but maybe something else. The gutters are being finished on the Lakeville Apartments.

- Pope Property – No report now
- Housing Trust Properties – The immediate clean-up from the storm has been finished, but there will be more to do. R. Tennyson reported that the roof at Bostwick St. is being re-done; the ground needs to be cleared around the house and it will take time. A new less expensive design for the solar at Perry St. has a fixed price now. J. Kronholm Clark commented that the original plan was different and it wasn't known if P&Z had agreed. M. Close Oppenheimer commented that there was no money for carports, so the roofs are the solar panels.
- Advocacy for AH – J. Kronholm Clark and L. Sullivan reported good comments about the mailer that went out. A. Slotnick asked if there were any new emails from it; J. Kronholm Clark mentioned maybe 6 or so and H. Pouler will check for any new ones. J. Kronholm Clark asked about interest in the Road Show; C. Magowan commented that Project Sage is interested. K. Cantele commented that Salisbury School will be interested, at some point. J. Kronholm Clark and C. Magowan will work on the website update.
- Legislative Opportunities and Funding & Affordability – No report
- Explore Additional Properties – P. Hackett had no report. K. Cantele asked if there is a central place for the list; L. Sullivan commented that properties could be added to the Excel list. C. Magowan mentioned another possible location; P. Hackett will look at the property online. L. Sullivan mentioned the sub-dividing ordinance; J. Kronholm Clark explained it.
- Sustainability – There was no report, but the solar installation is happening at Sarum Village and will be at Perry St. L. Sullivan commented that there is not much funding available now; J. Kronholm Clark mentioned a reminder for the fuel assistance program.

8. Communications Consultant Update / Monthly Newsletter Items

H. Pouler suggested the edit for September to be about what happens when you apply for AH rentals. There will be a reminder about the Housing Summit and the free 2nd cut, also. Regarding the SHC properties at Bostwick, one is ready and one is in progress; also will mention the storm cleanup. Holley Place is in progress; there will be remediation needed. The SHC has applied for State funding for Dresser Woods. Fall Festival will be mentioned.

9. Public Comment – None

10. Chairman's Comments – All covered.

11. **Adjournment. So Moved** by P. Hackett, seconded by M. Close Oppenheimer, **With All in Favor.**