

North Stonington Affordable Housing Committee  
Location: Wheeler High School media center  
Date: November 20, 2019

## Minutes

Call to order: 6:01 pm

Members present: Margaret Leonard, Mary Ann Ricker, Laura Degoursey, Patrick Colgan,

Members absent: Betty Russ

Guests: Steve Colgan, Christine Dias, Paul Buehler, Connie Bernardi, Will Mason, Mary Bonville, Brian A Rathbun

Review of October minutes:

motion to accept made by Patrick Colgan ; seconded by Laura Degoursey. Voted on and passed

Citizen Comments:

Introductions from members present followed by guests present.

New Members:

We discussed the procedure for becoming a member of AHC. According to chairperson, M Leonard, the town has a new application at town hall or online. Our committee can recommend people to join. Rules: maximum of 15 members and no more than 10 of any party. M.Ricker made a motion to have special info meeting for interested people prior to our recommendation. The motion passed.

2020 Affordable Housing Committee Calendar. Voted on and passed.

January 29

February 26

March 25

April 29

May 27

June 24

July 26

August 29 meeting canceled, special meeting August 28

September 30

October 28

November 18

December 16

Michael Santoro presentation recap:

“Progress proves intent”. We need to consider that what we want vs. what will get funded. Steve Colgan said that CT Requires 10% to 25% disabled units which includes the elderly. Brian Rathbun liked the presentation and thinks we should challenge the

State requirement of 10% AH. He thinks NS should get an exemption due to farming activity.

Future events: deferred until 2020.

POCD:

The town determined that the NS school system could add 200 more students without adding to the education budget. Is our town attractive for additional families to move here? We still do not have a grocery store or pharmacy.

Rehab Grant:

CDGB to rehab homes for income qualified homeowners. Tax abatement will be put on agenda for December 2019. We should work with Juliet Hodge, town planner, and attorney Mark Branse.

Wintechog Hill road project:

Plans for this to go to referendum in January.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm by Laura Degoursey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Ann Ricker. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Degoursey