

North Stonington Affordable Housing Committee  
Pavilion at the NS rec center

Date: July 31, 2019

Minutes

Call to order: 6:05

Members present: Margaret Leonard, Mary Ann Ricker, Laura Degoursey, Patrick Colgan, Ellen Flannery-Schroeder, Betty Ann Russ

Guests: Steve Colgan, Shawn Murphy

Review of June minutes, motion to accept made by Margaret Leonard; seconded by Maryann Ricker. Voted on and passed

Public Comments: Steve Colgan sent Mr Santoro the plan for Wintechog Hill Rd housing complex. Mr Santoro suggested a change from 30% to 25% for the disability units. He said a unit was not needed for a caregiver, and an office or community space could be used to meet with clients. Steve Colgan will contact Mr Santoro for clarification on the total number of affordable units and the number of those to be deemed disabled units.

Shawn Murphy stated that he would save his comments for another agenda item.

Municipal elections: chairperson Leonard said that there are several openings on town committees. She urged that members of AHC talk to candidates about affordable housing in our town.

Housing plan: M Leonard will email the plan to AHC members and we will have a workshop with Juliette Hodge. We are looking at a possible date of August 14. M Leonard will contact Juliette Hodge about her availability.

NSAA Building: We had a discussion about the former ambulance association building as affordable housing. There are deed restrictions that are being studied. Nick Kepple has been contacted for an opinion.

Wintechog Hill Rd update: Approved to go to town meeting. M Leonard advises that the meeting should be after NoStoFest so that the townspeople can view information at the AHC booth at Nostofest.

Kingswood lots update: per Mike Urgo the town can't get the perc test until the leaves are off the trees. The town also needs to get a waste plan done. After that is complete the lots will be discussed and if seen fit, put on the agenda for a town meeting. Maryann Ricker will send a letter to Mike Urgo saying that the AHC recommends moving forward with this plan. Shawn Murphy wants the AHC and the town to consider the Kingswood lots along with 3 lots in the village. We had a long discussion about the village lots. They were apparently stopped some time ago due to village objections.

Shawn Murphy still thinks we should combine these 3 lots with the Kingswood lots inquiry and take it to a town meeting. Mr Murphy then stated that if this is not done he will petition the town to make it happen. He also stated that he thinks that Kingswood needs to keep it as open space. He added that the lots are wet and swampy. Maryann Ricker suggested that we wait for the scientific results of the perc test before requesting the Board of Selectmen make that decision.

NoStoFest. September 21. 12-4

Laura Degoursey, Maryann Ricker, Betty Russ and Ellen Flannery-Schroeder have volunteered to man the AHC booth. Margaret Leonard will set up and take down.

Party at the Hewitt farm pavilion: deferred until the August meeting

Adjournment: 7:55pm Respectfully submitted, Laura Degoursey