

Minutes of the Affordable Housing Committee

March 28, 2018

Called to order: 6pm.

Attendees: Margaret Leonard, Ellen Flannery-Schroeder, Mary Ann Ricker, Betty Ann Russ

Guests: Lou Gingerella, Juliet Hodge

Chair welcomed new members Leonard and Flannery-Schroeder

Public comments: Lou Gingerella explained his experience with the Westerly Revolving Fund, a 501c3 that renovates multiunit houses . Upon sale, these houses are deed restricted to keep them affordable.

Minutes were read and accepted.

Goal setting: Chair asked group if they wanted to re-visit goal items that had not been previously achieved. There was discussed a need “to start a conversation” to raise awareness in the community as to the benefits of affordable housing to the entire community. It was agreed that a letter would be generated to the BOS recommending that the committee take over the effort to push forward on creating affordable housing, including the development of Wintechog Hill. To this end, a \$10,000 line item will be requested to allow for the revision to the conceptual plan and a pro forma addressing issues of financial feasibility and ownership.

J. Hodge stated that she would prepare a summary of the new data contained in the SE CT Housing Guide of March 2018 as well as a video to present to the P&Z and the public.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ann Russ