

Affordable Housing Committee Minutes for 9/26/2018

Meeting called to order at 6 PM.

Attendance: Committee Members: Mary Ann Ricker, Ellen Flannery-Schroeder, Margaret Leonard, Betty Ann Russ; none absent.

Guests: Colleen O'Connell-Thompson, Patrick Colgan, Steve Colgan, P. Susie Kent, Jodi Whipple, Helen Ahern, Kim Bliven

Minutes from 8-22-18 meeting accepted as is.

Public Comment; all parties present introduced themselves.

Helen Ahern spoke for the need for affordable housing in town for veterans, disabled, and seniors. She said it should be centrally located to amenities; she suggested Rt. 49 near Rt. 2 intersection.

Patrick Colgan gave a report on a Creative Housing Workgroup at L&M Hospital that he attended. He will continue to attend on a monthly basis and give a report on this group that is focused on housing needs of 20-30 yr olds with developmental disabilities and adult foster care.

Residents of Anthony Road, Kim Bliven and Jodi Whipple, voiced their concerns with the conditions at 101A Anthony Road and its lack of completion. Margaret Leonard stated that she had heard from Neighborworks that loam was to be delivered soon to address the landscaping. She also said that she would reach out to that group to possibly form a work group to clean up the exterior.

New Member: A motion was voted on and passed to send a letter to the BoS to accept Patrick Colgan as a new member of the committee. Susie Kent was invited to attend any future meetings and consider joining as a member.

The committee now has a Facebook page at the suggestion of Mike Uργο. It is: [fb.me/NSAHC](https://www.facebook.com/NSAHC)

The article for the town Quarterly was presented and accepted for submission.

Recap of the Lunch & Learn for realtors and NoSto Fest activities of the committee were discussed.

So far, the committee has received only one response to the Oct Spaghetti Diner. Public can now also reply on our Facebook page. A planning session for the dinner was set for Oct 16 at 12:30 at the library. Ellen will be providing a 3ft by 4ft poster of Affordability Calculations for Homeownership for the dinner.

Sandlewood Farm in Tiverton, RI, which is a green community with affordable units will be considered at a later date.

November event discussed; possibly a wine&chocolate event at Jonathan Edwards with a "Home for the Holidays" theme.

Tax Abatement – Margaret will be meeting with Mike Uργο on Friday, Sept 28 at 12:30 to discuss this matter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00

Respectfully submitted

Betty Ann Russ