

Affordable Housing Committee Minutes of 4-25-2018

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

Guests: Heather Sawyer, Matthew Foster

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm.

Committee was presented with a letter by resident Matthew Foster detailing difficulties in marketing his home in Watson Estates in a profitable manner. Discussion ensued resulting in the committee making two commitments: researching other state-approved HUD agencies than the one he is dealing with, and sending a letter to State Senator Diana Urban and Rep . Joe Courtney apprising them of his situation.

Prospective committee member Heather Sawyer introduced herself and discussed her interest in joining the committee. She stated that she lived adjacent to a proposed affordable housing site and hoped that her membership on the committee did not present a conflict of interest as she had concerns about that particular site as appropriate for such development. Chairperson Ricker informed her of the scope and mission of the committee and asked her to consider those parameters in her decision to join.

Minutes from March 28, 2018 meeting were accepted without correction.

M. Ricker reported that she and Juliet Hodge talked to First Selectman Urgo and he indicated that he was in support of developing Wintechog Hill as an affordable housing site.

M. Leonard reported on the P&Z meeting held April 5, 2018. She reported the following: She made a request for funding to push forward on creating affordable housing on Wintechog Hill. Finance Chairman Dan Spring indicated that such monies could be found. Selectmen indicated they supported going forward. Town Planner Juliet Hodge was tasked in attaining the exact dollar figure needed for the engineering firm.

After much discussion as to goal setting, a motion was made by B. Russ (seconded by M. Leonard) to develop educational/marketing materials to be presented at four public sessions over the course of the next year (Sept and Oct 2018 and Jan and March 2019). Voted on and passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ann Russ