



**Town of North Stonington  
North Stonington Affordable Housing Committee  
Regular Meeting  
February 27, 2023  
Education Center Media Center  
298 Norwich Westerly Rd.**

**Minutes**

**Chairman Will Mason called the Regular Meeting of the NSAHC to order at 5:36 pm.**

Members present: Will Mason, Denise Hawk, Brian Rathbun, Cheryl Haase, and Patrick Colgan

Members absent: Margaret Leonard

Guests: None

Staff Present: None

**Public Comments:** There was discussion about the legislative bills related to affordable housing being discussed in Connecticut's legislature. This was brought to the committee's attention to consider future developments. The committee will consider any changes to affordable housing legislation once bills are passed.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the 1/23/23 Regular Meeting were accepted as written.

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

**Old Business**

- a. The committee reviewed the results of the event held on January 30 and shared the following thoughts.
  - i. Pros: Attendance was good, there was interest in the accessory apartment option, and presentations were done well.
  - ii. Ideas for improvement: Increase attendance, appeal to people who are looking for affordable housing, appeal to people who would like to share ideas, host special meetings for the public to attend bimonthly, and set-up a presentation at the local farmer's market and other local events.
  - iii. Next steps: C. Haase will look into getting a table at the local farmer's market.

**New Business**

- a. Identify town owned land that might be viable for developing affordable housing.
  - i. W. Mason brought a map with some town owned land labeled on it. The committee discussed four town owned properties that would be ideal for building affordable housing. They discussed various pros and cons of building on these properties. The committee will review and discuss additional properties at the next meeting.
- b. Discuss next steps regarding town owned land.

- i. The committee will start to draft a proposal of opportunities to increase affordable housing in North Stonington using town owned land.

**7. Public Comments:** None

**8. Adjourn:** A motion was made and seconded (P. Colgan/C. Haase) to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm. Motion Passed (5:0).

***Next scheduled Regular Meeting is March 27, 2023***