

**North Stonington Affordable Housing Committee
Regular Meeting
Education Center Media Center
298 Norwich Westerly Road
February 23, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.**

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Minutes

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Chairman Will Mason called the Regular Meeting of the NSAHC to order at 5:37 pm.

Members present: Will Mason, Denise Hawk, and Patrick Colgan

Members absent: Margaret Leonard and Brian Rathbun

Guests: Steve Colgan

Officials/Staff Present: Bob Carlson, First Selectman

Public Comments: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

New Business:

- a. Development of Committee: W. Mason informed the committee that all members will only use their town email addresses for Affordable Housing Committee related communications. W. Mason also led a discussion about the need to develop the committee by increasing membership and implementing a strategic plan towards meeting the committee's objective. Strategies the group decided to implement include:
 - i. Reaching out to people we know who are interested in and supportive of affordable housing.
 - ii. Reaching out to people who would benefit most from the affordable housing initiative (young people and retirees)
 - iii. Create an advisory group of local professionals who could help the committee develop an effective plan to reach the committee's objective. These professionals would include realtors and developers. B. Carlson volunteered to reach out to such local professionals.
- b. Direction and projects: B. Carlson informed the committee of his support in helping them succeed in achieving the Affordable Housing objective. The committee agreed to pursue some initiatives to increase membership and productivity. B. Carlson suggested that the committee's June meeting should be used to assess the effectiveness of these initiatives and determine the future of the committee. Committee members agreed to this plan. Committee members identified some goals and initiatives that would help the committee meet its objectives.
 - i. Zoning needs to be updated to include multi-family homes.
 - ii. Help residents to claim their accessory apartments if they qualify as affordable housing.
 - iii. Invite a representative from The Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) to train the committee members about the affordable housing mandate. B. Carlson will contact SCCOG regarding this training.
 - iv. Tour town property that could potentially be used to build affordable housing with someone who could talk through the potential uses of the property. B. Carlson will get a list of town property.
- c. Events: The committee agreed to organize an event to help residents gain a better understanding of affordable housing and to increase support and membership. The event will take place on May

17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. B. Carlson will work to get an increase in the Affordable Housing Committee's budget to support this event. B. Carlson and W. Mason will contact potential venues and entertainers.

Old Business:

- Informational Flyer: This item was tabled until the next regular meeting

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: A motion was made and seconded (P. Colgan/D. Hawk) to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 pm.
Motion Passed 5:0

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at the Education Center Media Center (298 Norwich Westerly Road, North Stonington, CT)

Submitted by Denise Hawk, Secretary