

**North Stonington Affordable Housing Committee
Regular Meeting
Education Center Media Center
298 Norwich Westerly Road
April 27, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.**

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Minutes

Chairman Will Mason called the Regular Meeting of the NSAHC to order at 5:32 pm.

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

Members absent: Margaret Leonard and Cheryl Haase

Guests: Amanda Kennedy and Steve Colgan

Officials/Staff Present: None

Additions to the Agenda: Renderings for a possible building project in the village.

Public Comments: None

New Business:

- a. SCCOG Training: A. Kennedy provided information on various aspects of the affordable housing legislation. 830G: Law passed in 1988; streamline permitting process for development of affordable housing allowing developers to overcome zoning restrictions if a portion of their build will be designated affordable housing; towns are exempt from 830G if they meet the 10% threshold (10% of homes in the area meet the affordable housing designation); North Stonington currently has 1% of its housing that meets the affordable housing designation; to meet the 10% threshold, North Stonington needs 240 homes designated as affordable; towns can receive 4 year moratoriums on 830G if they demonstrate progress using a point system assigned by the state. A. Kennedy will provide the committee with a copy of the point system. A. Kennedy also reviewed the criteria of affordable homes and possible strategies that could help our town meet these goals. A. Kennedy also answered questions about the deed restriction required of affordable housing. This deed restriction ensures that the home will be sold or rented under the affordable housing requirements for the next 30 or 40 years.
W. Mason provided an update on his discussion with a member of the village about the idea of building senior affordable housing in that area. The idea was met with a favorable response. A. Kennedy mentioned that an historic home can be purchased, renovated and sold under the affordable housing criteria which would help to maintain the style of homes in the village. After discussion amongst the committee members, it became clear that there was a desire to have affordable housing that was more inclusive. A. Kennedy mentioned that housing designated toward a specific population might not meet affordable housing criteria because it needs to be open to anyone who can afford it. P. Colgan will explore the possibility of a mixed housing development for seniors and the disabled.

Old Business:

- a. Event: The committee members reviewed the details of the networking event to be hosted by the committee. The goal of the event is to recruit new members and help to dispel some myths and fears about affordable housing. The event is scheduled to be held on May 17 from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. B. Rathbun will look into securing the Grange. C. Haase will see about food and drinks. D.

Hawk will look into music and promotion. A motion was made and seconded (B. Rathbun/P. Colgan) to earmark up to \$300 for the event. Motion Passed 4:0

Addition the the Agenda:

- a. Rendering: The committee discussed having renderings of possible affordable housing for the village drawn up by W. Mason's daughter. This item of business was tabled until the next meeting.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: A motion was made and seconded (P. Colgan/B. Rathbun) to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. Motion Passed 4:0

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at the Education Center Media Center (298 Norwich Westerly Road, North Stonington, CT)

Submitted by Denise Hawk, Secretary