



**Town of North Stonington
North Stonington Affordable Housing Committee**

Special Meeting, November 25, 2020 at 6:00pm

Via Zoom

APPROVED MINUTES

(Approved 12/30/20)

1. **Call to order and Roll Call:** Chairman W. Mason called the meeting to order at 6:02 with the following members present: W. Mason, B. Rathbun, D. Hawke and P. Colgan. M. Leonard Arrived at 6:09.

Staff present: J. Hodge, PDZO

2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The September 30, 2020 meeting minutes were accepted as written.
4. **New Business**

a. Discussion about Committee goals and direction:

Committee members discussed the advisory role of the NSAHC and the inability to be housing developers ourselves. Ideas discussed included identifying parcels we felt would be suitable for housing and contacting the owner to see if there is interest and outlining the process and/or identifying roadblocks for a landowner with interest in developing affordable housing on a property. B. Rathbun suggested the Committee members be cautious about cold-calling landowners when the property is not for sale. Tiny houses on farms for farmworker housing was another suggestion. The lack of public utilities was identified as a barrier to developing affordable housing.

Goals will be developed during the development of the Housing Plan as well.

b. Discussion on possible Landowners to contact re: possible housing developments:

Areas to consider included the "Milltown Commons" property and any undeveloped land along Rtes 2 and 184. Members discussed the possibility of adding a housing component to the solar project that was approved on the former subdivision site off Rte. 184. Essentially most felt it was better to locate affordable housing in or near the commercial zones rather than in rural areas of towns.

- c. **2021 Meeting Schedule:** Committee members discussed the need to meet every month. Consensus was to continue meeting 1xmonth on the last Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm.
 - d. **Election of Secretary and general membership discussion:**
Motion made and seconded (W. Mason/B. Rathbun) to nominate Denise Hawke for the secretary position vacated by P. Buehler. Motion Passed. No further nominations were made.
Motion made and seconded (W. Mason/B. Rathbun) to approve D. Hawke as Secretary. Motion Passed.
5. **Old Business**
- a. **Housing Plan Update:** Amanda Kennedy: J. Hodge stated that A. Kennedy was reviewing the draft she sent her and will provide comments and recommendations for the Committee to consider.
 - b. **Bylaw Revisions – Workshop?** This item was tabled.
6. **General Announcements:** None
7. **Adjourn :** Motion made and seconded (P. Colgan/B. Rathbun) to Adjourn at 7 :03pm

Respectfully submitted by Juliet Hodge, PDZO

In the absence of a recording secretary.