

North Stonington Affordable Housing Committee
Regular Meeting
Zoom Meeting
March 31, 2021
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 5:31 pm.

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

Members absent: None

Guests: Amanda Kennedy

Staff Present: Juliet Hodge, Planning Development and Zoning Official

Public Comments: Magnus Smith and Steve Colgan were in attendance. S. Colgan provided comments during the discussion of the Housing Plan.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the 12/30/20 Special Meeting were accepted as written.

Additions to the Agenda:

A motion was made and seconded (B. Rathbun/ D. Hawk) to amend the agenda to add a discussion about recent and upcoming housing legislation. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Housing Plan Update: A. Kennedy presented a slideshow to review the housing plan, action plans, and key takeaways. The NSAHC members discussed various ideas and questions. Ideas generated included: survey the public to get information on current housing needs and suggestions on how to help move the projects forward; explore deed restrictions for accessory units; permitting tiny houses, trailer parks and multi-family homes; consider primary goal of getting enough units to qualify for a 4-year moratorium; host Lunch and Learn for realtors with USDA & CHFA loan brokers; and create a map identifying all vacant land that could be used for housing.
- A. Kennedy had some questions for the committee to consider. What will be our process going forward? What goals and actions will we take?
- W. Mason called for a special meeting on Wednesday, April 14 at 5:30 p.m. **Motion made and seconded (M. Leonard / P. Colgan) to hold a Special Meeting on 4/14/21.** He tasked the committee to review the information about the Housing Plan and be prepared to share ideas. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Recent and upcoming housing legislation. Brian briefly discussed some of the main intentions of the proposed legislation and stated that he would send everyone the links. A. Kennedy to send examples of surveys from other towns and the actions they considered.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: **A motion was made and seconded (P. Colgan / B. Rathbun) to adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm. Motion Passed.**