

Town of Fairfield
Office of Community & Economic Development
Affordable Housing Committee
January 12, 2022

The Affordable Housing Committee of the Town of Fairfield held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. The meeting was held via Zoom.

PRESENT: Steve Grathwohl; Carrie Makover; Heather Dubrosky; Joanne Csonka; Cindy Sammarco; Nancy Lyons; Gwynne Alperovich

ALSO: Mark Barnhart, Director of Community and Economic Development; Glenn Chalder. Planimetrics

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Grathwohl called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. He noted that due to the format of the meeting only members of the Committee would be permitted to contribute.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Several Committee members acknowledged the death of former AHC member, Walter Donne. They commended his dedication to the mission of the Committee.

MINUTES: A motion to accept the minutes of the December 15, 2021 special meeting was made by Ms. Makover and seconded by Ms. Csonka. The motion was approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Grathwohl was unanimously elected as chair. It was agreed that the choice of vice-chair would be postponed, awaiting the appointment of new members.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN:

Mr. Chalder reviewed the draft that he had provided to the Committee. Several members suggested that the report have an executive summary as a separate document from the main report. Mr. Chalder said he would make revisions in the current document and he suggested a meeting in the near future with the AHC to review the changes. Since implementation of the report will require coordination with TPZ, Mr. Chalder suggested that the Committee consider a joint planning workshop with members of the TPZ Commission. Mr. Grathwohl suggested that the AHC meet in two weeks in order to review changes, to further discuss and prioritize strategies and to

establish a schedule to complete the report by the June 1st deadline. Mr. Barnhart will poll members and schedule a special meeting toward the end of January.

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Barnhart briefly reviewed the draft annual report. The report follows the same format as prior years with a brief summary of the Committee's work this past year, a status report on the Housing Trust Fund, an update on where the Town stands in relation to achieving enough points for a moratorium as well as statistical data on housing prices and the number of affordable housing units in Town. Committee members made several suggestions, which Mr. Barnhart agreed to incorporate into an updated draft to be provided in advance of the planned special meeting at the end of the month.

OLD BUSINESS AND UPDATES

Mr. Barnhart said the HTF has a current balance of about \$100,000.

The Fairfield Housing Authority is negotiating to purchase property from St. Emory's Church to be redeveloped as affordable housing.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Goethner