

Town of Sherman
Housing Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 22, 2017
Mallory Town Hall, 7:00 PM

Present: B.Hoag, Chairman, C.Faure, D.Tuck, K.Harrison (by phone), L.Whitney, clerk

Absent: H.Bray

Public & Invited: First Selectman C. Cope, D. Jordan

Call to Order: Chair B.Hoag Called the Meeting to Order at 6:55 PM

Correspondence:

C.Cope shared an email with B.Hoag from Liz Espisito from the Council on Government regarding the feasibility of senior/variable and high density housing and the possibility of tax deferment.

A Look Ahead:

C.Cope presented an informational flier from the HOMEConnecticut Program. A component of the HOMEConnecticut Program is a planning grant available to assess the viability of high density variable housing without an obligation to build.

C.Cope suggested the Housing Commission look at different housing developments, in particular Bernhardt Meadows in Roxbury. This is HUD funded senior housing with upgrades such as garages and washers/dryers in each unit funded by a private benefactor. This is a cluster unit design.

D.Tuck would like the commission to support rent to own units to attract younger buyers.

D.Tuck also presented the idea that a special permit to build could be requested from Planning and Zoning rather than requiring a change in Planning and Zoning regulations.

What's Next:

C.Cope will look into applying for the HOMEConnecticut Program planning grant

C.Cope will find out the availability of the property manager for Bernhardt Meadows in Roxbury and share it with the Housing Commission.. The Housing Commission will plan to visit between June 15 and June 29.

B.Hoag will send the ordinance for the Housing Commission to C.Cope to be amended to include language from the HOMEConnecticut Program's mixed income goal.

B.Hoag will send a statement of support to the Board of Selectmen with regard to the

elderly tax deferment, the First Selectman applying for the HOMEConnecticut Program planning grant and the amendment to the Housing Commission ordinance.

The Housing Committee would like a closer working relationship with the Commission on Aging and will invite them to stay for the next Housing Commission meeting.

Comments by Commissioners:

C.Faure is concerned about the 4 acre zoning.

C.Cope recommended we first apply for the planning grant and hear recommendations from HOMEConnecticut before investigating zoning changes

Approval of Minutes:

D.Tuck Moved to Approve the Minutes of Regular Monthly Meetings
of Nov. 21, 2016 with one change, D.Tuck did not adjourn that meeting

Seconded by: B.Hoag

Vote For: Unanimous

D.Tuck Moved to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meetings of March 20, 2017 and April 24, 2017

Seconded by: B.Hoag

Vote For: Unanimous

Adjournment:

D.Tuck moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM

The next meeting will be June 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

Linda Whitney, Commission Clerk
May 23, 2017