

Lyme Affordable Housing Commission Meeting July 6, 2020

This meeting was conducted via ZOOM. Electronically present: Isabelle Roberge (Chair), Tim Hildner, Carol House, Steve Mattson, and Tina West.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

The minutes of the June 1 meeting were accepted as published.

Old Business:

Review of current units and monthly land lease fee: Nothing additional to report.

Revised Ground Lease review and update: Nothing additional to report.

Sustainable housing models and review of applicable Lyme zoning regulations:
The Commission is in the process of assessing housing rental rates in our town. An early look seemed to show that our current market rates are not very far from the maximum permitted under HUD guidelines for affordable housing. However, there are a number of nuances, and we continue to explore.

State Program: The Commission learned more about a state program called ACE (Apartment Conversion for the Elderly). It may provide benefits for some Lyme residents, and the Commission plans to make residents aware of this program.

New Business:

Relevant Articles: West shared several news articles about small towns in Connecticut and the overall lack of affordable/diversity housing. The Commission discussed the articles and how we might use the information in them to move forward.

Election of Chairperson: Isabelle Roberge submitted her resignation as Chairperson for the Commission. She stated how important she thought the work of the Commission was, and plans to stay on the Commission as a member. Mattson and other Commission members thanked Roberge for her leadership over several years. A motion, second, and vote was made to accept the resignation of chair. Tim Hildner was nominated to replace Roberge. His nomination was seconded, and he was unanimously elected.

Hildner adjourned the meeting at 5:49 pm.

Next meeting: August 3 at 5 pm. This will be a Zoom meeting.

Respectively submitted,
Carol House