

## AHC Minutes June 2, 2022

Present in person: Carleen Gerber, Tim Hildner, Carol House, Steve Mattson, Phyllis Ross (last five minutes), Tina West. On Zoom: David Lahm

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- 2) The minutes from the May 5 meeting were accepted as written.
- 3) Old Business. Tim reported that Lyme's Affordable Housing Plan was submitted to the State's Office of Policy and Management prior to the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline and confirmation of receipt was received.

Tim shared a copy of RiverCOG's public testimony that was submitted to the Housing Committee of the General Assembly regarding proposed fair share affordable housing legislation. The group reviewed and discussed the testimony and endorsed its conclusions. Tim has thanked RiverCOG for their leadership in this important matter. A copy of the testimony will be posted on the Commission's webpage.

Old Lyme AHC is still drafting a letter to the area realtors.

- 4) New Business. Tim announced that after 3 1/2 years on the AHC, most of them as chair, he will be leaving on June 30. He received a unanimous vote of thanks from those present for his steadfast leadership and hard work. The AHC has benefited enormously from the depth of his research.

There will be nominations for a new chair at the next meeting on July 7.

Carol discussed her analysis of the impact of short-term rentals on NOAH in Lyme and her conclusion that the impact will be negligible.

A discussion of a NOAH house recently put on the market as well as the lack of elderly affordable housing (5 to 8 year wait list at Lymewood) illuminated some of the priorities and next steps that the AHC needs to tackle. It was noted that the Affordable Housing Plan provides a valuable framework for the thoughtful and efficient allocation of time and financial resources as we consider and compare the relative merits and opportunity costs of competing projects.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina West