

**Lyme Affordable Housing Commission Meeting
July 7, 2022**

This commission meeting was conducted in person at the Lyme Town Hall and over Zoom. Attending: David Lahm, Carol House, Phyllis Ross, Carleen Gerber, and Tina West. Visitor: Bob Cope (member of committee which produced the June 2022 Affordable Housing Plan).

Lahm called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

New Business

The AHC members welcomed Lyme's new First Selectman David Lahm. He is a full voting member of the AHC.

Selection of new AHC chair. No member present volunteered to become chair. Carol House generously agreed to be the interim chair through the September meeting.

Old Business

We agreed to roll the Old Business items into a discussion of important steps for the next 12 months to continue fleshing out the objectives stated in the June 2022 plan in preparation for the Town's upcoming new POCD. We want to move to concrete implementable items over the range of plan objectives.

Tasks to be reported on at the September meeting were assigned as follows:

- Phyllis Ross: a draft of regulatory actions we wish P&Z to consider and why they are critical to expanding AH. For example, the floating zone criteria for a special permit for an AH build.
- Carleen Gerber: status report on land availability and suitability for AH and how different types of AH could be fitted to different kinds of parcels and partnerships.
- Jim Miller, if he agrees: a report on the legislative and lobbying efforts to implement the state's new AH legislation, and his suggestions on how we could liaison with RiverCOG and inform/lobby state officials including Devon Carney and Norm Needleman about our concerns. Carol House will get in touch with Miller.

Fritz Gahagan, if he agrees: legal and financial strategies to preserve Lyme's NOAH housing equitably. Tina West will get in touch with Gahagan.

Tina West: draft of questions for the AH section of the POCD town-wide questionnaire.

Carol House: will go back and review data used by RiverCOG and ideas they floated for our actions. This will help us assess the value of these ideas within Lyme as we move forward.

We agreed to skip the August meeting because several members can't attend.

The sense of the meeting was that reports on our tasks will be drafted before the September meeting and will be circulated at the meeting, if not before.

The next meeting is September 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina West