

## **Lyme Affordable Housing Commission Meeting October 6, 2022**

This commission meeting was conducted in person at the Lyme Town Hall. Attending: David Lahm, Carol House, Steve Epstein, Tina West, Carleen Gerber, and Phyllis Ross.

Carol House called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

### **Minutes**

The minutes from the July 7, 2022, meeting were accepted as written. No August meeting had been scheduled and there was no quorum present at the time scheduled for the September meeting.

### **Old Business**

The Commission reviewed assignments from the July meeting to move forward toward implementation the Lyme Affordable Housing Plan submitted to the state in June. The assignments also begin work on the AHC section of Lyme's Plan of Conservation and Development (COPD).

-Carol House presented her report on the list of recommendations from CT Municipalities for AH Plans divided into three sections: A) administrative steps, B) regulatory changes and C) Town policy changes/investments. She color-coded the recommendations by 1) steps already in progress in Lyme, 2) possible recommendations to move forward with, 3) low priorities for Lyme and 4) recommendations for immediate discussion. The Commission members discussed each item and Carol will revise her report for the November meeting.

-Carleen Gerber updated the meeting on lots that might come on the market which may be appropriate for affordable housing. Gerber will provide updates at each meeting.

-Phyllis Ross presented her draft of regulatory changes which we discussed. She will revise for the November meeting with the intent of talking with the P&Z at their November meeting.

-Tina West presented her draft of questions for the AH section of the next town wide COPD questionnaire. We discussed and she will revise for the November meeting.

Two new tasks were accepted:

Steve Epstein volunteered to begin talking with AH developers and Project Hope to better understand what is happening now in SE Connecticut.

David Lahm will investigate tax and support programs for assisting the elderly with housing, and the revolving fund for down payments/repairs. He will also talk with some bankers about loan programs and requirements.

Members agreed to provide an update on their assigned tasks at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

Commission leadership. Carol House kindly agreed to continue as acting chair for another month. Several new members were suggested. House will follow up on these.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15. The next meeting is November 3 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina West