

**Lyme Affordable Housing Commission Meeting  
March 2, 2023**

The Commission meeting was held in person at the Lyme Town Hall. Attending: Carol House, David Lahm, Phillis Ross, Carleen Gerber, Allison Cotton, and Tina West.

Visitor: Andrew Gibson

Carol House called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the February 2, 2023, had a minor change on one bullet item under feedback -- *For education, we need to create a specific example of how affordable housing can be accomplished.* The minutes were approved as corrected.

**Old Business:**

Several members said that they would report on their tasks at the April meeting. Carol requested that members' reports be circulated by email the week before the meeting. Bullet points are enough.

Kristina White is setting up a meeting with between members of the Lyme Land Trust board and the AHC. Allison Cotton, Jim Miller and Carol House plan to attend. Carleen Gerber will invite David Bingham of the Salem Land Trust, who is doing a lot in Salem to balance conservation and affordable housing needs.

Carol reported that she, Mary Stone and Fritz Gahagan will be nuclear members of the team to develop the new Plan of Conservation and Development. One goal is to get a much higher response rate to the residents' questionnaire. Only 23% of residents answered last time. This team will ensure that there is an outline of steps, timeline and budget for the process - probably drafting the questionnaire this year and the survey sent out next year. As well as publicity, plans for multiple contacts and enlistment of many Lyme organizations will be part of the overall plan.

Andrew Gibson talked to lobbyists for the CBIA, Connecticut's business lobbying group. They are pushing in Hartford for tax provisions at state - and possibly town - level to make building worker housing more attractive. Andrew will keep in touch with these efforts.

**Steps to Take:**

- Review the Community Investment Act – Carol -- report at next meeting
- Review website for Hudson Valley Group – Allyson – report at next meeting
- Connect with other groups – SE CT Community Land Trust, Salem Land Trust, Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Community Foundation for Eastern CT, others? – Carol, Carleen, Phyllis, Allyson – set up communication.

- Investigate Stonington initiatives for supporting NOAHs and potential for funding and legal issues – Tina and Jim – report at next meeting

The meeting was adjourned 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tina West