Lyme Affordable Housing Commission Meeting
November 2, 2023

The Commission meeting was held in person at the Lyme Town Hall. Attending: Carol House, David Lahm, Phyllis Ross, Allyson Cotton, Carleen Gerber, Jim Miller, and Tina West. Visitor: Sandy Mulligan.

House called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Minutes: Minutes from the August 10 meeting were approved. We did not have a quorum for our meetings in September and October.

Old Business

- Review of the proposed Affordable Housing Special Permit – House and Ross provided an overview of the special meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission to discuss Affordable Housing. At this meeting, the Commission developed the framework for a special permit for affordable housing development. They voted unanimously to send the framework to a land use attorney to write specific regulations following that framework. After that is completed, the P&Z will make any revisions needed and hold a public hearing for discussion. The AHC discussed this framework and thinks it is a big step forward in facilitating additional affordable housing in Lyme.

- Update on Sub-Team activities

    - Land Availability: This team continues to keep aware of parcels of land that may become available. There was a discussion of several parcels.

    - P&Z Liaison: Discussed above under the special permit.

    - Finance: Gibson had a productive meeting with Hope Partnership to discuss financing and management paths for potential affordable housing projects. He set up a second meeting to continue these discussions.

    - Government Liaison: Lahm is direct liaison and connection with Town Government. He is also in frequent contact with our political leadership. Discussions continue.

    - Housing Rehabilitation Program: West said that Kathy Tisdale will be glad to work with us on this project. Miller said that he would review the current draft policy and make recommended revisions. We hope to proceed with this project.

New Business: Several members of the AHC attended relevant training/informational sessions this past month: the AH Plan Scorecard Seminar for Eastern CT, held at Conn College; Land Use Commission Training, held in Haddam.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 7 at 6 pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol House