



ESSEX PLANNING COMMISSION Ad-Hoc Committee on Housing Options

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

5:00 p.m.

Essex Town Hall – Meeting Room B

DRAFT MINUTES

Alan Kerr, Chairman of Planning Commission
Jane Siris, Planning Commission
Dawn Boulanger, Essex Housing Authority
Loretta McCluskey, HOPE Partnership
Maureen O'Grady, Realtor
Peter Decker, Finance

1. Call to Order and Seating of Members

Chairman Alan Kerr called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Members Alan Kerr, Dawn Boulanger, Maureen O'Grady and Jane Siris. Loretta McCluskey and Peter Decker were not present at the meeting.

2. Minutes of May 8, 2018 Meeting

No corrections were made.

Motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting by Alan Kerr, **seconded** by Dawn Boulanger. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Discussion with Henry Resnikoff, Essex-Based Developer

Mr. Resnikoff was not able to make it to the meeting but he did submit answers to questions given by the Affordable Housing Committee which were handed out for review at the meeting. He gave examples of ways to encourage housing and development in Essex while avoiding the State mandated overlay zone. He also gave some recommendations of properties in Essex, Centerbrook and Ivoryton where he could see the possibility of a

project such as this taking place, and he gave some insight on how to get developers interested in doing an affordable housing project in this town.

4. **Affordable Housing Plans Discussion**

The Committee discussed Mr. Resnikoff's handout and gave their opinion on the locations that Mr. Resnikoff has mentioned as being potentially good parcels for affordable housing.

Mr. Kerr asked the Committee what their mission is. He thinks that a plan needs to be discussed and put into effect to aid in the process of obtaining more affordable housing in town.

Ms. Boulanger asked what the goals of this Committee are. The Committee discussed.

Mr. Kerr mentioned that he would like to create an affordable housing plan using the town of Salisbury's affordable housing plan as a guide.

With the direction of Mr. Resnikoff's letter, it was decided amongst the Committee to begin the process by identifying some properties in town that could be used as sites for affordable housing.

Mr. Kerr is working on a housing plan which, upon completion, will be submitted to the Committee for review.

Ms. O'Grady mentioned that she thinks it would be helpful to identify developers ahead of time that the Commission would like to use.

When searching for locations to build on, Ms. Boulanger suggested making sure ahead of time that the property is buildable as to avoid having to go through the Zoning Commission, Wetland Commission, etc.

Prior to the next scheduled meeting on September 11, 2018:

- Ms. O'Grady will talk to a friend of hers who works for Geometrix Systems. She would like to get some guidelines from him pertaining to the necessary setbacks, septic system, etc.
- Mr. Kerr will talk with John Guskowski, Town Planner, about what the Committee's target issues are and also discuss any property that is available in town.
- The Committee will draw up a document that outlines what the requirements and guidelines are of the town and/or the Committee itself.

5. Other Business

None.

6. Adjournment

The next scheduled meeting is September 11, 2018.

Motion to adjourn made by Jane Siris, seconded by Dawn Boulanger. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon DeLorso
Recording Secretary

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