

RIDGEFIELD AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2022 – 7:00 PM (via conference call)

PRESENT: Dave Goldenberg (Chair), Kent Rohrer (Vice Chair), Whit Campbell, Sharon Coleman, Debra Franceschini-Gatje, Sheryl Knapp, Lori Mazzola, Krista Willett

ABSENT: Kevin Brown

The meeting was called to order via conference call at 7:04 PM.

1. **Current Business:**

- a) **Affordable housing plan:** Dave stated that the meeting had been convened at the request of a Committee member, Debra, asking that she share her concerns. Debra indicated that scheduling Committee events such as presentations to town committees and town informational sessions should require a vote, indicating that the informational session were announced to the public before they were communicated to members of the full Committee. Kent stated that there was no ill intent, but going forward we should have a communication plan in place for all types of meetings which would be reviewed by the Committee, which would include discussing the progression of meetings as a Committee. He suggested we obtain feedback from all reviewing parties, including town committees and the public, prior to making revisions to the plan.

Debra and Lori also requested that the full results of the affordable housing survey be contained in the main report text, as opposed to in its Appendix, including specific comments. Other committee members indicated that it was important to provide context to the data and include the most pertinent survey findings within the report narrative, and that whether it was in the core text or the Appendix was a matter of semantics. It was also noted that much of the data pertained to respondent demographics, which is more peripherally related to the report narrative.

Debra moved that next week's information sessions be postponed until after the 4/27 Committee meeting, with the dates set at the meeting; Lori seconded. 2 voted in favor; Whit, Dave, Krista, Sharon, Sheryl, and Kent dissented. Motion does not carry.

Kent made a second motion that we reschedule the 4/23 meeting to a later date to be determined at the 4/27 regular meeting. Six voted in favor; Debra and Lori dissented. Motion passes.

2. Public comment was provided by two members of the public. One inquired regarding how the public information session will be publicized; the other expressed that she felt that the completion of the Affordable Housing Plan is being rushed, and suggested that the Committee consider delaying completion.
3. **Adjourn:** Sheryl moved to adjourn, and postpone the review of minutes until the next meeting; Sharon seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously to postpone the review of minutes and adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 4/27/22.

Prepared by Sheryl Knapp, Secretary