

RIDGEFIELD AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Meeting minutes 9/2/2020

Ridgefield Town Hall

Members present via Zoom conference call: Dave Goldenberg, Kent Rohrer, Lori Mazzola, Sheryl Knapp, Kevin Brown. Guests: Whit Campbell, Vincent Liscio

Dave called the meeting to order [at 7:05 pm](#).

Department of Housing meeting update. Dave, Kent, Frank Coyle and Vinnie Liscio participated in a recent meeting. There is an opportunity to receive between \$30-50k in funding for a feasibility study on Prospect Ridge expansion. Based on advice of the First Selectman, initial contact was made with the Inland Wetlands commission. They are now aware and will assist in performing a preapplication assessment as we move forward. A similar initial contact will be made with WPCA. Once that contact has been made, RAHC and RHA will approach the BOS with a request to proceed to request the state grant. Proper work to position the proposal will need to be done prior to this meeting with BOS. We will target the BOS review for October after the next regular meeting of the RAHC.

Grant application: Dave updated the committee on the recently submitted grant. The application has been approved in the amount of \$11k. Actual use of the funds will depend on what the DoH provides in terms of support and guidelines. It is believed that the grant would cover much of the consulting work needed to complete our formal report on affordable housing.

Housing Trust Fund : Lori will invite participants from the Fairfield organization to our next meeting so we can better understand their structure and approach.

Housing for adults with disabilities: Sheryl provided an update on the recent meeting with Ability Beyond regarding the Main St. property. The initial assessment suggests the property would be best suited for "private pay" clients. Sheryl indicated the entry criteria for potential residents will need to be established. A feasibility assessment will be completed prior to bringing a formal proposal to St Stephens.

Branchville TOD : Sewer capacity remains a primary issue. Dave will work with the First Selectman on obtaining capacity from Redding. Christie Stewart suggests we apply for a Small Cities Block Grant.

8-30g compliance : Whit and Dave investigated and have discovered lapses in some existing properties. They will prepare a more comprehensive update for our next meeting.

Habitat building site in Ridgefield. Dave suggested Habitat make a public appeal to the community for donations if property. Kent agreed to work on this matter.

New Business : No new business.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

The meeting was adjourned [at 8:20pm](#). The next meeting will be held on [10/7/20 at 7pm](#).

Prepared by Kent Rohrer, Secretary