

RIDGEFIELD AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Meeting minutes 2/5/2020

Ridgefield Town Hall

Present members: Dave Goldenberg, Kevin Brown, Kent Rohrer Guests: Lori Mazzola, Sheryl Knapp, Karen Martin

Dave called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved.

Lori and Sheryl indicated they have both applied to become members of RAHC and will meet soon with BOS. Karen Martin, Assistant Town Planner, was introduced. She described her background and familiarity with Affordable Housing.

A POCD review took place on 2/4/20. The updated RAHC Homefront affordable housing plan will inform a future update to POCD.

Brief discussion on deed restricting existing organically affordable housing in Ridgefield. This is only a concept at this point.

On February 19th the RAHC will update the BOS on progress. Dave and Kent plan to attend that meeting.

Dave and Fran Normann (member of New Milford AHC) discussed forming an area council of on affordable housing. LISC will help support. Details to follow. There will be a meeting of the Housing Alliance of CT on Thursday Feb 20th at 8am. Dave is considering attending. If others are interested, please contact Dave.

The League of Women Voters is considering updating its position on Affordable Housing. Our committee will support if asked.

Per recent news articles, Gov Lamont is looking into connecting some of the Transit funding to affordable housing.

Home front update. Dave indicated he was following up with the state commissioner to see where they stand in providing us with data and other information from the regional planning authority. Dave will ask Rudy to assist in follow up. Dave has been asked to be a member of a state advisory committee.

MADZ. Dave continues to reach out to select Ridgefield developers for their comments.

Housing for adults with disabilities. Sheryl and Dave are meeting with Ability Beyond on Friday 2/7.

Discussion on Bailey Ave property and the fact it is well located for potential affordable housing.

Housing Trust Fund. Dave indicates that First Selectman is supportive of the concept. RAHC will work to develop a proposal. Lori Mazzola agreed to the committee focal point for developing this concept.

With no further new or old business, the meeting was called to close at 8:40pm.

Prepare by Kent Rohrer, Secretary

Attachment A. The timeline for the HOMEFRONT was not reviewed in detail, however it was agreed that the completion of data analysis would move out until the State Commissioner and provide access to regional data.

HOME FRONT PLAN SCHEDULE (7/10/19)

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Attachment B – updated as of November 6, 2019

CATEGORY	ORGANIZATION	INDIVIDUAL	ASSIGNED TO	COMPLETE DATE
Bus/Prof	Board of Realtors		Dave/Kent	Complete
Bus/Prof	Realtors	Focus Group	Dave/Kent	Complete
Bus/Prof		Atty. Bob Jewell	Dave	Complete
Bus/Prof	Chamber of Comm	Kim Bova	Joanne	TBS
Bus/Profl	Downtown Merchants		Joanne	TBS
Town	Social Services	Tony Phillips	Dave	Complete
Town	Selectmen	Rudy, Barbara, Steve, Maureen, Bob	Dave/Kevin	4 of 5 complete
Town	RHA	Frank Coyle	Kent/Dave	Complete
Town	ECDC	Arnold Light	Kent/Whit	Complete
Town	BOE Chair	Margaret Stamatis	Kevin	TBS
Town	Supt of Schools	Pattiforte	Kevin	TBS
Town	Comm on Aging	Debra F	Dave	Complete
Town	Comm on Disabled		Whit/Dave	TBS
Nonprofit	Ridgefield Clergy Assn	Focus Group	Dave	November
Nonprofit	Sphere	Chair	Kent	Complete

