

North Stonington Affordable Housing Committee  
Minutes – June 25, 2015  
Location: Wheeler High School Media Center

- 1) Members Present: Mary Ann Ricker, Tim Pelland, Paul Bliven, Robert Mayne, Kristen Comstock
- 2) Guests Present: Erica Schwarz & Christine Devine of LISC , Town Planning and Zoning Officer Tom Zanarini, Selectman Bob Testa  
Chairman Mary Ann Ricker called the meeting to order at 6:00PM  
Minutes of May 28, 2015 were unanimously approved as corrected.
- 3) Public Comment: Erica Schwarz represents LISC, which works with non-profit developers of affordable housing. She suggested the committee target a specific model of AH appropriate for our town to present to potential developers. Ferry Crossing's 75 year land lease arrangement is a good model for small towns. LISC's website @ Housing Connections CT.ORG has other examples.
- 4) 101A Anthony Rd: Julie Savin of Neighborworks contacted First Selectman Mullane, who said he is interested in the property being used for affordable housing.
- 5) HUD Grant program: Mary Ann Ricker and Tom Zanarini will contact Lisa Low for status reports on applications received, apps. approved, work in progress, work scheduled, funds spent and funds available. It should be publicized that applications remain open.
- 6) Senior Housing: Less funding is available now. Emphasis has shifted to family needs.
- 7) Milone & MacBroom Contract: Incentive Housing Regulations were received. Town Atty is reviewing. Town Planner will submit for State approval, necessary prior to Zoning Board approval. All necessary approvals must be received before developers are sought. LISC has sample RFQ's available.
- 8) Mobile Display and our Brochures were well received at various locations. Bob Mayne will work on altering/ "refreshing" the display and presentation prior to its next circulation.
- 9) New Business: Town Planner will be alert to properties possibly available for Affordable Housing acquisition/designation
- 10) Goals: Possible adoption of Ordinance for Affordable Housing: Chapter 203 Section 12-81BE of the CT. General Statutes, which allows an AH application to apply to a *community of AH units* rather than designation unit by unit. Stonington has this in place for its affordable Senior Housing.
- 11) Action Item: Affordable Housing designations should be In Perpetuity

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 27, 2015, Wheeler High School Media Center: 6:00 PM

Agenda completed, a motion to adjourn was made and unanimously passed. Chairman Ricker adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted, Kristen Comstock, Recording Secretary