

**Town of Fairfield
Affordable Housing Committee
Final Minutes of November 20, 2013**

The Affordable Housing Committee of the Town of Fairfield held a meeting on November 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Town Hall Conference Room.

PRESENT: Steve Grathwohl, Chair; Gerry Stuhlman; Jill Hroziencik

Also Present: Mark Barnhart, Director of Community and Economic Development; Mark Corcoran

Mr. Grathwohl called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of August 21, 2013, September 25, 2013 and October 16, 2013 were approved as amended.

Commission Membership

Mr. Grathwohl said three members had submitted their resignations: Sol Briks, Deb Owens and Lisa Winjun. Mr. Grathwohl and Mr. Barnhart will consult with the Selectmen to find new members. Mr. Grathwohl also acknowledged the recent death of a former member, Mary Galgota.

Strategic Planning for Update of Affordable Housing Plan

Mr. Barnhart said he had worked with Mr. Chalder of Planimetrics to revise the scope of work required for the update of the plan. It is waiting for a signature from First Selectman Tetreau. Mr. Chalder will attend future AHC meetings and will meet with Mr. Barnhart and Mr. Grathwohl as needed. No formal grant has been received by the town yet though Mr. Barnhart said he was assured it was being forwarded now.

Mr. Grathwohl said he has access to a conference call-in number so all commissioners can participate in the planning process.

Mr. Grathwohl asked if it was reasonable to expect work to begin on the project by December 1. Mr. Barnhart said this was feasible.

Mr. Barnhart said the calendar for the plan would be revised to accommodate the start date. He expressed the opinion that the public engagement piece of the plan was one of the most important. He expects Planimetrics to be involved in developing the strategies for this part of the plan.

Video Presentation

Mr. Barnhart said this still needs editing. It is important to have good photos of existing affordable housing units in town. Mr. Grathwohl suggested the video be presented in conjunction with the presentation of the Affordable Housing Plan. Ms. Hroziencik suggested that interior shots be included.

Other Business

Fair Housing/HUD

Mr. Barnhart said no date has been set for a meeting with HUD.

Fairfield Metro/Black Rock Train Station

Mr. Barnhart said the issue of housing on this site is before the Conservation and Inland Wetland Commissions.

Osprey Landing

Mr. Barnhart said the site is still on the market.

Fairfield Housing Authority

Mr. Barnhart said he is serving on a Connecticut Housing Academy team with members of the FHA. The purpose of the Academy is to train participants in development/financing options for new affordable housing and to alert them to the technical resources available to support their projects.

Exide Battery

Mr. Barnhart said Connecticut has to state the remediation parameters for the project.

Brick Walk

Mr. Barnhart said Mr. Kleban is proposing several housing units to be built above the retail there.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Goethner