

Approved as written

Affordable Housing Committee

February 14, 2022

8:30 a.m.

93 Narragansett Ave.

Jamestown RI 02835

THIS MEETING WAS TELECONFERENCED VIA ZOOM

Meeting ID: 827 0627 0142

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 am and the following members were present:

Joe Cannon, Bob Plain, Job Toll, Nick Radesca, Quaker Case, Fred Pease, Mike Liebhauser, Mary Meagher

Also present: Carrie Kolb

Not present: Lisa Bryer

II. Approval of Minutes January 21, 2021 –

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2022 meeting as amended was made by Pease and seconded by Toll. So unanimously voted.

III. Real estate conveyance tax / dedicated funding source for affordable housing projects - review, discussion and/or action and/or vote

a. Letter to Town Council - review, discussion and/or action and/or vote

Information was emailed to members of AHC on Saturday, 2/12 and Sunday, 2/13. Discussion ensued. All the information will be combined together to create a 3 page document to send to Town Council that includes: a letter; a proposal to increase annual allocation to Annual Housing Trust Fund; and using the Real Estate Conveyance Tax to set a new funding formula.

Discussion ensued regarding the amount of the increase. At \$225,000 the increased ask is three times the \$75,000 that is given annually now. The increased amount is a fair amount to ask. It is half of the last surplus from the Real Estate Conveyance Tax. This is the reality of what housing costs in Jamestown.

Discussion ensued regarding sending the letter to Town Council, and asking to be on the agenda to give a presentation to the Town Council at the February 23, 2022 meeting. Plain will send an email to Town Clerk, asking to be put on the agenda for a presentation, and depending the outcome of the presentation, he will ask to be on the agenda in “new business” at the first or second meeting in March. Members of the AHC will attend the Town Council meeting in support.

A Motion to approve the compiled and edited document that will encompass both documents from Saturday and Sunday was moved by Case and seconded by Liebhauser. Discussion ensued and the motion was withdrawn by Case.

A Motion to hold a second meeting this week on Wednesday, February 16 at 12:00pm to review, edit and approve the final document to send to Town Council was moved by Pease and seconded by Case. All in favor.

IV. Jamestown Community Land Trust

Agenda item not discussed

V. Discussion of Accessory apartment ordinance – Ordinance proposal

Agenda item not discussed

VI. Tools and Techniques for Creating Affordable Housing in Jamestown -

review, discussion and/or action and/or vote

June Speakman, a RI Representative from Bristol and Warren, wrote an essay published in Providence Journal. She might be a future speaker. Bob will distribute the article.

VII. Future meetings and agenda items of Affordable Housing Committee

Next meeting February 16, 2022 at 12:00pm.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at approximately 9:45 am was made by Radesca and seconded by Case. All in favor.

Attest:

Carrie Kolb
Planning Assistant