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Approved as written

Jamestown Affordable Housing Committee Minutes

November 20, 2024 at 5:15pm

Small Conference Room

93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI 02835

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm and the following members were present: Quaker Case, Job Toll, Susan Gorelick, Wayne Moore, and Dave Pritchard, Lisa Bryer.
Not present: Bob Plain, Fred Pease and Mary Meagher

II. Approval of Minutes

a. October 16, 2024 - review, discussion and/or action and/or vote

A motion was moved by Toll and seconded by Moore to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2024 meeting as written. All in favor.

III. Public Comment - none

IV. 2025 Comprehensive Plan - review, discussion and/or action and/or vote

- a. 2015 Comprehensive Plan review and update of Housing Element –
- b. Review and update Housing Action Plan

The Housing Element was reviewed and it was updated with comments.

- Impact on Rentals:
- Military: Short Term Rentals cause less military housing
- Short Term Rentals: owners should not be able to have more than one Short Term Rental or they should pay a lot more for having more than one.
- Barriers:
- Water: Water study is needed on non-water areas and capacity and overall capacity.
Solution: water catchment, education and approvals.
- Funding: this is the biggest obstacle because of the price of housing and land.
Solutions/ideas:
- Suggestions: Split large homes into multiple units. Create condos to minimize ADUs for affordable ownership not rentals

V. 2025-26 Town Budget - review, discussion and/or action and/or vote

Bryer shared the Planning Department Capital budget request for FY 2024-2025. The Affordable Housing Trust was discussed. Last year, \$225,000 was requested as the budget, and it was funded at \$100,000 due an extraordinary circumstance with the school budget. Discussion ensued of how much to ask for in the FY 2024/2025 budget for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. A motion was moved by Toll and seconded by Gorelick to send a memo from the

Affordable Housing Committee to the Town Council to ask for a \$225,000 minimum or 50% of three-year average of the Real Estate Conveyance Tax this year, whichever is higher.
All in favor.

VI. Member Reports (5 min) - review, discussion, and/or action and/or vote - None

VII. Future Meetings and agenda items of Affordable Housing Committee - review, discussion and/or action and/or vote (5 min)
Next meeting December 18, 2024 at 5:00pm

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 6:20pm was moved by Toll and seconded by Pritchard. All in favor.