



**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN**  
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Approved as written

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**Jamestown Affordable Housing Committee Minutes**

January 15, 2025 at 5:00pm

Small Conference Room

93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI 02835

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm and the following members were present: Bob Plain, Job Toll, Susan Gorelick, Dave Pritchard, Lisa Bryer, and Quaker Case

Not present: Wayne Moore, Fred Pease

**II. Approval of Minutes**

a. December 18, 2024 - review, discussion and/or action and/or vote

A motion was moved by Susan Gorelick and seconded by Job Toll to approve the minutes from December 18, 2024 as written. All in favor.

**III. Public Comment - None**

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

a. 2015 Comprehensive Plan review and update of Housing Element

The Committee reviewed the draft element and suggested changes:

There needs to be more of a tone of urgency in the introduction. There is a housing crisis and that needs to be related in this element. Address tear downs, there have been a lot and it impacts affordability of housing when new larger houses are built. Question about median rents and how they are tracked. They seem very low. Questioned if it includes Section 8 rent values. Questioned the difference between Service Industry Workers and Tourism Workers.

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

1. Memo to Town Council dated December 4, 2024

Chair Bob Plain will be at the meeting to discuss this Memo. He mentioned that the Governor gave accolades to the Portsmouth Senior Center project in his State of the State address.

**III. Member Reports (5 min) - review, discussion, and/or action and/or vote**

Susan Gorelick is holding a sustainability meeting at the library on March 15, 10am-12pm. She discussed her initiative to bring sustainability to locals.

**IV. Future Meetings and agenda items of Affordable Housing Committee - review, discussion and/or action and/or vote (5 min)**

Next meeting February 19, 2025 at 5:00pm

Topics for discussion include Impact Fee legislation including existing legislation.

**V. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 5:45pm by Quaker Case, seconded by Job Toll. All in favor.**

Attest: Lisa Bryer