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Approved as written

Jamestown Affordable Housing Committee Minutes

February 19, 2025 at 5:00pm

Small Conference Room

93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI 02835

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:07pm and the following members were present: Job Toll, Susan Gorelick, Lisa Bryer, Quaker Case, Mary Meagher, and Dave Pritchard

Not present: Bob Plain, Wayne Moore, and Fred Pease

Also present: Carrie Kolb

II. Approval of Minutes

a. January 15, 2025 – review, discussion and/or action and/or vote

A motion was moved by Case and seconded by Gorelick to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2025 meeting as written. All in favor.

III. Public Comment - none

IV. Impact Fee Legislation - review, discussion and/or action and/or vote

a. RIGL Title 45, Section 22.4

Discussion ensued on impact/linkage fees. The ultimate goal will be to have an impact fee in Jamestown that will provide a consistent yearly funding source. The Town Council would send a letter to our local representatives to pass legislation at the State level for this to happen in Jamestown. Bryer said a nexus study must be done to prove the size or cost of the homes is impacting the town's ability for affordable housing.

A motion was moved by Case and seconded by Gorelick for Bob Plain to send a letter to the Town Council asking them to discuss with to Legislators and make a formal request for impact fees for affordable housing in Jamestown. All in favor.

V. Member Reports - review, discussion and/or action and/or vote

Mary Meagher distributed sketches for a re-imagined Ambulance Barn for affordable housing. The footprint of the building would be 56 feet wide by 74 feet long. She tried to keep the footprint very close to the existing building. She kept the side setbacks to not block the

neighbors. The first floor would have 1 1-bedroom apartment and space for a potential office. The second and third floors would each have 1 1-bedroom units and 3 2-bedroom units. The total would be 9 apartments and one potential office. The site plan shows 14 numbered parking spaces and one guest parking space in the lot and 5-6 public parking spaces on Knowles Court. The dumpster was strategically placed next to the dumpster for Bay View. Meagher said that she looked that the floor plans for Looking Upwards and a senior living facility in Mystic, CT. Meagher said the purpose of the exercise was to see what could be created with in the space. Bryer said that this type of application would be a Comprehensive Permit application.

Discussion ensued regarding asking again this year for a bond for affordable housing. Bryer said that the committee has asked for an increased budget but not a bond. The Town Council is discussion \$4.4 million in municipal bonds. It was decided that another letter will be sent to the Town Council requesting a \$3 million bond.

VI. Future Meetings and agenda items of Affordable Housing Committee - review, discussion and/or action and/or vote

Next Meeting is March 19, 2025 at 5:00pm and meeting will be 45 minutes long.

VII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 5:55pm was moved by Gorelick and seconded by Case. All in favor

Attest:

Carrie Kolb