

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 6:30pm

Participating Council Members:	
Chair	Carol Bacon
Secretary	Jon Hughes
CPC representative	Alan Chaney
Member	Robert Nelson
Member	Dana Metzler
Other Participants (Town Administrator, other committees, visitors, etc.):	

## Meeting began at 6:33

### Review of Prior Minutes

- The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously accepted.

### Discussion

- Decision needed – rental or ownership? Rentals will count toward our SHI requirement. Ownership would partially count toward SHI (subsidized housing inventory). Our preference is rental. Based on no bids for last fall’s formal RFP, we need to determine what contractors would be willing to consider for construction. Perhaps five 8-unit apartments would be considered.
- Committee’s preference on project size is target of 40 units or 72 bedrooms based on septic allowance.
- Decision needed – will the town sell the land for this development or lease it? This committee has no preference, will let the builder decide preference.
- Decision needed - Age restriction? This committee’s preference is to have no restriction. Reasoning is that we can’t fill all units at an age limit of 62, if cut off at 55, then will have families anyway so no reason to restrict.
- Decision needed – time frame for RFP – Carol will call all 7 companies that asked for the RFP. She will ask about why they didn’t complete it with a goal of changing the new RFP so that it would generate responses this time.
- Will ask Community Preservation Committee for warrant article for \$25,000 from Affordable Housing Fund for engineering, perk tests, RFP development, etc.
- Carol will meet with Town Administrator to discuss the plans and goals.
- The commercial lot in front on Pleasant St. may need to be rezoned.

### Next Meeting:

- Next meeting TBD

### Adjournment at 7:52PM