

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING -- SUBCOMMITTEE

MAY 30, 2024 – 4:00PM (VIA ZOOM)

Agenda – Advocacy for Affordable Housing

The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm.

Present: Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Abeth Slotnick, Lee Sullivan, Vivian Garfein, Katie White and Hannah Pouler (Communications Consultant)

Several topics were covered during the lengthy meeting. (The Zoom recording can be found at: <https://www.salisburyct.us/boards-commissions-committees/affordable-housing/>) J. Kronholm Clark began the discussion talking about a recent article in the Lakeville Journal, which was about a new 501(c) (4) organization; the member's names were not identified on the new website. New signage was observed at Grove St.: "Save the Grove St Park; Preserve Open Space in Salisbury." Another topic was the upcoming public information session on June 6th. Also, the Public Hearing for the Special Permit for the Undermountain Road houses will be on Monday, June 3rd. The SAHC monthly newsletter went out the previous week, with information about the Hearing and the Public Info session. There will be an ad in the Lakeville Journal with the basic info about the Pope Property Info session. A. Slotnick suggested sending out a reminder email about the upcoming Public Hearing on June 3rd. A reminder, with the Zoom link for the Pope Info session with edited FAQs, will be sent out as well next week. L. Sullivan mentioned that some people are not interested in reading SAHC email and are avoiding the information given there. V. Garfein suggested making some changes to the FAQs, such as there are no plans to pave the rail trail. The process for future public hearings was brought up also. Eventually, there will be a Town vote on whether to lease the land for housing development. Another topic covered was about some elements of the Colliers Study, ordered by the P&Z, which offered some references about how to link the development of the Pope Property to the center of town; J. Kronholm Clark noted that some of the recommendations are confusing. J. Kronholm Clark asked if the SAHC should send a letter of support for the Grove St/Undermountain Road Public Hearing; there was general agreement, so she will revise the letter to the BOS and send it around for approval. V. Garfein talked about the possibility of expanding the Pope Land Design Committee to include other Town Commission members, as well as members of the public. K. White and L. Sullivan recommended keeping the public involved, with participation, as is possible. The next meeting of this Subcommittee will be on Monday, June 17, 2024 at 4:30pm via Zoom. A **Motion to Adjourn** was made by K. White, seconded by A. Slotnick and unanimously **Approved**. Meeting adjourned at 4:47pm.