SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING – SUBCOMMITTEE

JUNE 14, 2024 – 2:00PM (HYBRID)

Present: Lee Sullivan, Jim Dresser and Mary Close Oppenheimer.

Agenda: Explore Additional Properties for AH

L. Sullivan began the discussion, pointing out that if all proposed units were built, the Town would reach 5% AH, according to the 2023 AH Plan: https://www.salisburyct.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023 Approved Salisbury Affordable Housing Plan.pdf.

At the last subcommittee meeting, a list of all public properties was reviewed. For various reasons, such as deed restrictions or being unsuitable for building, all of the properties were ultimately ruled out for AH. L. Sullivan explained the Town GIS maps available on the Assessor's website: https://salisbury.mapxpress.net/ags_map/

The maps can be used to view the properties that are served by Town water and sewer. There is also some soil information available; SAHC member Pat Hackett has additional information.

L. Sullivan confirmed that private donations to the Housing Committee and Housing Trust Not-For-Profit organizations are great ways to boost the availability of AH; the SAHC should remind everyone of that. J. Dresser mentioned the Town's "Second Cut" Ordinance allowing a division of a property, as long as one parcel is designated for AH; it is different from the regular sub-division process. The donation of land would also have a tax deduction benefit, such as a "bargain sale".

L. Sullivan suggested that all of this information should go into an article for an upcoming SAHC newsletter, outlining benefits to a private person.

The next meeting of this subcommittee will be in the fall.