

SALISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING -- SUBCOMMITTEE

DECEMBER 18, 2024 – 4:30PM (VIA ZOOM)

Nominating Subcommittee – Review Nominees to Fill a Vacant Spot on the Commission

Present: Lee Sullivan and Jon Higgins

L. Sullivan mentioned that the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity had a webinar on how to fill vacancies on Commissions; suggestions included trying to reach out to the community and evaluating the current commission – what are the needs? L. Sullivan commented that someone had suggested a realtor, but she disagrees, as it could be a conflict of interest. J. Higgins was not sure that would bring a lot to the SAHC; that's more important to the Housing Trust. J. Higgins is not sure that the SAHC is missing any skill sets. L. Sullivan suggested that they need a person with a marketing head, as marketing and sales experience are good qualities. J. Higgins suggested finding someone younger and passionate about housing; L. Sullivan agreed they should have good energy and different contacts. J. Higgins mentioned having someone else who has benefited from the Housing Trust; he looked for names and ideas from the email list and mentioned about 8 names as possibilities. J. Kronholm Clark had sent a list, but there were no real options. L. Sullivan and J. Higgins will reach out to specific people and ask Mary Close Oppenheimer to contact a couple of people, as well. L. Sullivan suggested having another meeting in early January to review the narrowed list of names; create a list of interview questions; and to look at the timing of terms in 2025. The Subcommittee will have its next meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2025. L. Sullivan will email the other Subcommittee members to confirm.