



**Town of New Fairfield
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, Connecticut**



**HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 4, 2024**

Members present: Anita Brown, Chairwoman
Kathy Hull
Rich Kalinka

Also present: Tom Kavaliaukas, Zoning Member
Tom Perkins, Selectman

There being no quorum the meeting opened at 7:34 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence and Announcements

Ms. Brown said the only correspondence was from a person looking for affordable housing and Kathleen DiTullio responded that at the moment the committee is only tasked with writing the Housing Affordability Plan. Ms. Hull said if an email or correspondence comes in stating it is an FOI request or an official request that should be forwarded to the First Selectman's office immediately.

Approval of Minutes from May meeting

Tabled until the July meeting.

New Business

Posted Revised Draft HAP for 35 days as of May 28, 2024

Ms. Brown said the official posting date for the revised draft plan was May 28th and it was posted on the website, in the newsletter and a hard copy is available in Town Hall. There were about 50 people who asked to be updated as the plan progressed so they were emailed the new draft. The plan needs to be posted for at least 35 days which will be July 2nd and also the night of the next committee meeting. The Board of Selectmen meets the second and fourth Thursday so this plan could be re-presented to them on July 9. Ms. Hull said at this point the Board is familiar with the plan so the committee won't have to go into great detail.

Review Draft of Letter to Housing Trust

Ms. Brown said she had drafted a letter to invite members of the Housing Trust to attend a Committee meeting. Ms. Hull suggested the letter be sent and asked Ms. Brown to report back at the next meeting as to next steps.

Developer one pager with brief “talk” topics about HOC

Ms. Brown said after Sip and Stroll there was some discussion about creating a one page talking points flyer for the Committee. Ms. Hull suggested some form of the myths versus facts page be revised to add or take away some points as a start.

Participation in Fourth of July Parade

Ms. Brown said she received the form to participate in the parade and she thought she might have the flyer with the QR code enlarged to wrap around the box used in the past to March in the parade. All committee members were invited to join.

Old Business

Board Comments

Mr. Kavilauskas said he spoke with Evan White, Zoning Enforcement Officer, and they do have a short term rental regulation that has stipulations about fees to register, owner living on the property, etc. The regulation is 3.1.1.

Public Comments

None.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes recorded by:



Recording Secretary

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