

Tuesday, January 4th, 2022

Hybrid Meeting

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MINUTES

Members Present: Katie Fratoni, Michael Accorsi, Sheila Amdur, Aida Gradascovic, Will Bigl, Gina DeVivo Brassaw

Members Absent: April Morin

Staff Members Present: J. Kaufman, Director of Planning and Development/Senior Planner/Inland Wetlands Agent; Dorothy Del Valle, Community Assistance Coordinator; Kylee Dostie, Planning and Zoning Intern

Public Present: Jane Creed, Jude Lovedal

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Sheila Amdur called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. December 6th, 2022

Minutes will be amended to reflect the correct spelling of Sheila Amdur name.

Will Bigl motion to approve corrected minutes and Michael Accorsi seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jude Lowell, 542 Browns Road, Mansfield, CT – Expressed her joy in regards to formation of the committee. In addition, she asked the committee to look at other communities who have an establish approach to Affordable Housing such as California as well as looking at middle housing. She also encourage the committee to read brochures from AARP surrounding this topic and provided a high overview the contents. Jennifer Kaufman will be ordering them so committee members will access to them.

4. OLD BUSINESS

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Affordable Housing Trust Fund

- i. Kylee Dostie presented the committee with a power point presentation of the Affordable Housing Trust fund. This presentation also provided information and applications for the Stamford and Fairfield areas. (Copy attached)
- ii. There was a lot of discussing around the presentation

b. Criteria for Expenditures – What are our priorities?

- i. Committee discussed at great length the committees priorities the following is the outcome
 - 1. Determine the needs of the community by targeted populations.
 - a. Currently the Town of Mansfield has the R.A.RE Program – Town Council approved \$150,000 from ARPA funds for rental arrearage. (\$1,500 x 100 households) To date approximately 20 households have been approved for the program. Exact numbers can be provided to the committee at a future meeting.
 - 2. How many units the community has and where are they?
 - 3. Kylee Dostie will taking items out the Affordable housing plan to present to the committee for possible goals.
 - 4. Work with Housing Authority to understand the construction funding of their housing units.
 - 5. Encourage development with deed restriction.
 - 6. Redevelopment of existing units.

c. Update on Mansfield’s Affordable Housing Regulations

- 1. Look at Administrative fee and structure.
- 2. Monitoring of Affordable units.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. 2023 Meeting Calendar
 - i. Approved at last meeting no adjustments made to dates.

7. Future Meetings

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourned meeting at 6:24 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dorothy Del Valle, Community Assistance Coordinator