

Tuesday, March 7th, 2023
Hybrid Meeting
<https://mansfieldct.gov/video>

MINUTES - Draft

Members Present (In Person): Michael Accorsi, Sheila Amdur, Will Bigl, Paul Stern - Gina DeVivo Brassaw arrived at 5:13 pm

Members Present (Virtual): Katie Fratoni arrived at 5:13 pm

Members Absent: Aida Gradiscevic,

Staff Members Present (In Person): J. Kaufman, Director of Planning and Development/Senior Planner/Inland Wetlands Agent; Dorothy Del Valle, Community Assistance Coordinator; Kylee Dostie, Planning and Zoning Intern; Allison Maynard, Director of Human Services

Public Present (In Person/Virtual): Bette Day Stern (Virtual)

Guest speakers: Rebecca Fields, Executive Director Mansfield Housing Authority; Kathy Ward, President of Mansfield Non-Profit Housing Development Corp.

1. Call to order:

Meeting called to order at 5:04 pm

2. Approval of Minutes:

a. February 7th, 2023

Will Bigl motioned to accept the minutes as written and Michael Accorsi seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

a. No public comment

4. Motion to Change agenda order –

a. Paul Stern motioned to move new business to the top of the agenda. Michael Accorsi seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. New Business

- a. Guest Speaker Rebecca Fields, Executive Director provided committee with an overview of their housing programs and the challenges they face with funding.
- b. Age related housing – Committee discussed topics around age restricting units and how to make them available to seniors. Will Bigl stated he is aware of

several seniors who have had to leave the community because after selling their homes no affordable apartments were available. Many did not want to leave the community, however, had no choice.

6. Old Business

a. Needs and Priorities for Allocating Funds from the Affordable Housing Fund Trust Fund

- i. Mansfield Household Income Breakdown – Kylee Dostie provided the committed with Mansfield Household income breakdown. She explained to the committee how the outcomes excluded the 25 and under population.
- ii. Committee discussed in further detail Fairfield and Stamford’s models, as they are the most active plans at this time.
- iii. Committee decided the application from Fairfield will be used as a template and Kylee Dostie will bring a mock up to the April meeting.
- iv. AHC Funding Questions – Committee discussed AHC funding and felt further discussion would be needed and will add to next month’s agenda.
 1. Paul Stern would like to provide a proposal for “fee in lieu of” and will share this at the April meeting.

7. Reports of Committee Members and Town Staff

a. Planning and Development Department Update

AHC March Staff update

- i. Kylee Dostie intern will be ending in May 2023.

b. Information from S. Amdur regarding waiting list at Juniper Village

- i. Waiting list stats were provided to committee.

8. Communication

a. CT Mirror Article Regarding HB 6781 and SB 4

- i. Link was provided to committee

9. Future Meetings

April 6th, 2023

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourned meeting at 6:44 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dorothy Del Valle, Community Assistance Coordinator