

Tuesday, March 28th, 2023
Hybrid Meeting
<https://mansfieldct.gov/video>

MINUTES - Draft

Members Present (In Person): Michael Accorsi, Sheila Amdur, Will Bigl, Paul Stern, Gina DeVivo Brassaw

Members Absent: Aida Gradiscevic, Katie Fratoni

Staff Members Present (In Person): J. Kaufman, Director of Planning and Development/Senior Planner/Inland Wetlands Agent; Dorothy Del Valle, Community Assistance Coordinator

Staff Members Present (Virtual): Kylee Dostie, Planning and Zoning Intern

Public Present (In Person/Virtual): Martina Wharton (in person)

1. Call to order:

Meeting called to order at 5:01 pm followed by introductions

2. Approval of Minutes:

a. March 7th, 2023

Paul Stern motioned to accept the minutes as written and Gina DeVivo Brassaw seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

a. No public comment

4. Old Business

a. Affordable Housing Fund Trust Fund Application Prototype

- i. Kylee Dostie provided a mockup of an application based off Fairfield's.
- ii. Committee discussed in further detail the application and the income limits. Kylee Dostie stated the formula for the income limits is not quite 30% of the median and would provide Jennifer with the calculation.
- iii. Committee decided income calculation needs to be discussed with the Housing Authority and compared to what they use. In addition, the committee would like the Housing Authority to review the application.
- iv. Committee decided a subcommittee would meet on April 20th, 2023 to work on the application. Dorothy Del Valle will work to reserve a room at

Town Hall for the meeting.

1. Paul Stern would like to provide a proposal for “fee in lieu of” and will share this at the April meeting.

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. 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.

7. Communication

a. CT Mirror Article Regarding HB 6781 and SB 4

- i. Link was provided to committee

8. Future Meetings

April 6th, 2023

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dorothy Del Valle, Community Assistance Coordinator