

**Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Staff Members Present (In Person):** Jennifer Kaufman, Director of Planning and Development; Dorothy Del Valle, Community Assistance Coordinator

**Public Present (In Person/Virtual):** none

**1. Call to order:**

Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm followed by introductions

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

**a. August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

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

**b. August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Paul Stern motioned to accept the minutes as written and Michael Accorsi seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Opportunity for Public Comment**

a. No public comment

**4. Old Business**

**a. Fee-in-lieu of proposal of Planning and Zoning Commission**

- i. Paul Stern and Michael Accorsi explained the calculation and proposal to the committee in great length.
- ii. Committee discussed in further detail current policy versus the proposal.
- iii. Paul Stern moved the Fee-in-lieu proposal with changes and clarifications be sent to the full Planning and Zoning meeting for the 18<sup>th</sup>. Gina DeVivo Brassaw seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**b. Presentation to Town Council**

- i. Committee decided additional meeting is needed to complete this task and will revolve around the following
  1. Affordable Housing Plan
  2. Short and long term priorities

3. Town of Mansfield and UCONN keeping any possible sites identified to be made into affordable housing units
4. Rehab or update old units
5. Age restriction
6. Other ways to fund trust fund
  - a. New developments with percentage of taxes
  - b. Sale of housing
- ii. Next month a special committee will meet to work on presentation.

## **5. New Business**

### **a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

- i. Paul Stern nominated Mike Accorsi to be Chair. Gina DeVivo Brassaw seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Will Bigl nominated Paul Stern to be Vice Chair. Gina DeVivo Brassaw seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **b. Committee Consultant Roles**

- i. Committee discussed inviting Rebecca Fields from the Housing Authority as a consultant for the committee.
- ii. Committee discussed three vacancies the committee currently has and recruitment.
  1. Jennifer Kauffman sending committee application to members.

## **6. Staff Report**

### **a. Multi-family moratorium and other updates**

- i. Jennifer Kauffman updated committee on various project applications

## **7. Communication**

### **a. Habitat for Humanity**

- i. Mike Accorsi discussed his involvement with Habitat for Humanity and the steps the Human Service Director is considering. In addition, how Habitat for Humanity could help with Affordable Housing.

## **8. Future Meetings**

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## **9. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:25 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dorothy Del Valle, Community Assistance Coordinator