

Minutes of the Bethany Affordable Housing Committee

June 3, 2021

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:00 by chairman Alex Hutchison. Present were committee members Alex Hutchinson, Kim McClure Brinton, Lesley Higgins-Biddle, Jamie Sterling, and Lauren Sardi, Lars Demander and staff Lina Frazier. Also on the call were Patricia Winer, Fred Nevin, Christina Musante and Norman Cole.

Discussion began with Alex discussing the reasoning behind allowing copies of the survey to be picked up at town hall and extending the deadline. There were significant issues with the post office and mail and an unknown number of residents did not receive the survey in the mail as they should have.

Alex then began discussion on how Hiram and a team were working on the survey results we have gathered so far and the discussion to create a possibly consensus-based plan.

There is concern about having the plan completed by 7/1 so there was discussion about meeting every Thursday night in June to finish it in a timely fashion, including July 1 if needed.

There was then discussion about accessory dwellings as discussed in legislation recently in that there is the possibility of no public hearing being needed (town can opt out of) if the accessory dwelling meets the towns zoning regulations. We will be looking at the proposed language to see what fits Bethany.

IT was decided to continue meeting via Zoom and to add meetings on 6/17 and 7/1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim McClure Brinton, pro-temp secretary

