

Town of Norwich
Affordable Housing Sub-committee
Minutes
June 21, 2021

Location: Tracy Hall small conference room and virtual meeting via Zoom

<p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81242668798 Meeting ID: 812 4266 8798</p>

Members Present: Jeff Lubell (Chair), Brian Loeb, Gordon Greenfield, Paul Manganiello
Public Present: Kevin Geiger (TRORC) Marissa Lorenzo
Staff: Rod Francis

Meeting called to Order: 6:04pm.

- 1) **Approve Agenda:** no quorum.
- 2) **Comments from the Public:** none.
- 3) **Approve Minutes of May 17, 2021:** no quorum.
- 4) **New Dartmouth housing policy:** Chair Lubell directed the meeting to the packet, where an article from the *Valley News* outlined the recently announced strategy from Dartmouth College to operate a fund of \$1 million allocating via lottery \$5,000 to students who agree to live off campus for the 2021-22 school year. He suggested that this policy will negatively impact the already tight rental market. Members present discussed possible responses.
- 5) **Keys to the Valley:** Kevin Geiger of Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) gave a Power-point presentation to the group on the work of three Regional Planning Commission project intended to raise awareness and find solutions for the affordable housing crisis in the Upper Valley. He presented the research (including survey results), the recommendations and the website: <https://www.keystothevalley.com/>
Members present discussed the presentation.
- 6) **Identifying land for affordable housing:** (20-25 minutes)
 - a) Follow up on publicly owned parcels
Chair Lubell introduced the item by highlighting the possibility of developing the northern portion of the DPW (Town Highway Garage) parcel for affordable housing
- 7) **Meeting Ended:** Following a lightning strike mains power and internet access was lost at the Tracy Hall location at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rod Francis