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From: Ernie [<mailto:ernieciccotelli@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 10:50 PM

To: Miranda Bergmeier; norwich@lists.vitalcommunities.org; Phil Dechert; Assessing-Clerk

Subject: Re: Apropos of Affordable Housing

To the Select Board, Planning Commission, and others interested in the matter of Affordable Housing:

So, here we are 4 days since I threw my inquiry about a means of getting affordable housing out into the world, and I received exactly one response. That response informed me that when that person contacted to a member of the Affordable Housing Committee several years ago about bequeathing her real property to the Town for affordable housing. The member shut her down cold, saying the Town did not want individual affordable housing units. The only logical conclusion that could be drawn from that discussion is that the Town is only interested in large, multi-unit developments for affordable housing.

The fact that no one, especially from the so-called affordable Housing Committee or so-called Planning Commission, responded, indicates to me that creative, holistic, localized solutions to the affordable housing issue are not welcome, and that those committees, commissions, and offices are, in fact, committed to large scale development of the Town, regardless of the impact on the Town, its residents, or even the people who might need affordable housing. The Town is committed to filling snake oil salemen's (i.e. developers') pockets using a pretense of concern for the less fortunate in order to take advantage of the town folk's sympathy for those who are less fortunate.

Despicable.

Ernie Ciccotelli

On 11/24/2017 12:14 PM, Ernie wrote:

> To the Select Board, Planning Commission, and Board of Lister in
> Norwich, Apropos of affordable housing, if I or any other resident of
> the Town desired to build, and built, a modest scaled building and
> charged a nominal rent to cover only the expenses of the building or
> leased it essentially at no cost to the tenant, what would be the
> obstacles, restraints, costs and expenses for which I or any other
> resident would be liable for to the Town?
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> Thanks.
> Ernie