

Affordable Housing Subcommittee Meeting

November 20, 2023

Minutes

Subcommittee Members attending: Brian Loeb, Creigh Moffatt, Gordon Greenfield, Jeff Lubell

Members of the public: none

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:32 pm

1. Motion to approve the agenda. Gordon moved, Creigh seconded. Passed unanimously (4=0)
2. Motion to approve the September 18, 2023 minutes. Brian moved, Creigh seconded. Passed unanimously (4=0)
3. Motion to approve the November 7, 2023 minutes. Creigh moved, Jeff seconded. Passed unanimously (4=0)
4. The subcommittee discussed the status of the draft application for a planning grant to the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP). With the planning commission having unanimously moved to send the application to the Selectboard with their approval, the next step is to consult the Selectboard to get their feedback. If a majority of the Selectboard is comfortable proceeding, the step after that would be to hold a public hearing on the application before returning to the Selectboard for final approval and then submission. The application is due in early April. Before a public hearing is held, the specifics of the town match – such as the number of hours of town staff that would be devoted to work on the grant subject – should be finalized.
5. The subcommittee discussed outreach on affordable housing, including the event that Rep. Holcombe sponsored on 11/15 and the upcoming interfaith Thanksgiving services on 11/22, which will focus in part on affordable housing. The next outreach event will be a workshop for people interested in creating accessory dwelling units, likely in January.
6. The subcommittee discussed the idea of having a joint meeting with the Hartford housing committee and agreed that this would be productive and beneficial. Jeff will reach out to them to see if we can find a mutually agreeable date.

Submitted by Jeff Lubell