

Minutes of Affordable Housing Committee and HOH Affordable HDFC of June 10, 2021
7:30 PM via Zoom

Attendance:

Mark Cassella	Absent
Tom Donohoe *	Absent
Nick Frascone *	Absent
Christina Griffin	Absent
James Keaney	Present
Bob Licht*	Absent
Ira Lichtiger*	Present
Arthur Riolo*	Present
Andrew Smith *	Present
Elise Smith*	Absent
Patty Speranza*	Absent
Bettina Speyer	Present
Ernesto Vigoreaux	Present
Patrick Sullivan	Present

* Member of Hastings-on-Hudson Affordable Housing Development Fund Co., Inc.

Tom Speyer, Planning Board	Present
Rose Noonan, Housing Action Council	Present

Minutes were taken by Ira Lichtiger

Arthur called the meeting to order.

Arthur moved to accept minutes from the May meeting, Ernesto seconded and motion carried. Bettina discussed whether we need to keep our minutes on our website, or if its sufficient that they can be found on the Village website.

Arthur raised communication about the importance of affordable housing, how to make it effective. Bettina suggested using the Village email blasts to promote the need for affordable housing. Educate on current laws. Introduce concept of ADU's. Andrew – creating a promotional email is a great idea, what are we asking people to do? Tom, suggested making a list of calls to action. Patrick – call to action is key, not just conscience raising. For example, making a package for ADU's. Andrew, message needs to be short and punchy. Ernesto – tee shirt, enhanced website, musical event. Arthur, is there funding for ADU's? Can we advocate for this? Tom – last 2 planning boards there were new ADU's on the agenda. Rose proposed the Pace law center may be able to help. Consensus to work on ADU's, first step to send the letter to the Village Manager supporting changes to current law, then outreach with education. Patrick and Tom volunteered to begin working on sorting through the process in the village for creating an ADU,

Bettina and Andrew will work on intro and outreach language. Ernesto will work on ideas and costing for a marketing campaign.

Arthur reminded the group there are 3 sites in play for multiple dwellings that would invoke the Village's 15% affordable requirement. St. Matthews, Graham Windham and Riverview restaurant site.

Motion to close the meeting seconded and passed unanimously.

Next meeting July 8, 2021.