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HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
STONINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
173 SOUTH BROAD STREET, PAWCATUCK
JANUARY 25, 2024, 5:30PM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Young, Liz Stern, Kevin Halter, Moira Deasy

Absent: Meredith Bogue, Hannah Cedermark

Selectmen: Danielle Cheeseborough, Ben Tamsky

Town Planner: Clifton Iler

1. **Call to Order-** Moira Deasy called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

2. **Comments from the Public** - None

****Moira Deasy seated Liz Stern and Kevin Halter as voting members for the purpose of the January 25, 2024 meeting.****

3. **Approve Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2023**

4. Old Business

a. Discussion of Commission's Mission Statement

Moira made a motion to adopt the Mission Statement composed by Hannah Cedermark. Lynn seconded; all were in favor and Mission Statement was adopted.

The HOC's mission is to create a full range of housing opportunities in Stonington; support inclusive, integrated, and vibrant communities; and cultivate equitable and sustainable growth. (HC)

5. New Business

a. Member Status & Expectations - Paul Sartor's letter of resignation from the HOC was recognized. There was discussion about moving one of the alternate members into Mr Sartor's seat and the decision was made to keep it open for consideration at this time.

b. Discussion of Sample Affordable Housing Plans and Other

Documents-Members shared general observations of format and process from various municipalities including Fairfield County, Ledyard and Stanford. There was consensus that the commission would begin with a compare/contrast exercise of the data points in the 2022 Stonington Affordable Housing DRAFT and AF plans from other municipalities. Members will also make note of DATA GAPS between the 2022 Draft and other AF plans.

c. Assignment of New Tasks - ACTION ITEM

All members will continue with the discovery phase by studying the **2022 Stonington Affordable Housing Draft** with an emphasis on recording data points and identifying gaps.

7. Comments from the Commission-

Commission members discussed short and long term goals that included scaling formats from what may be best practices from other towns; how best to engage community conversations; the development of a community survey about AF; identifying stakeholders; EDC and PandZ impact on AF.

The February meeting date (2/22/24) was problematic for several members. The selectman's office will review available space and dates to secure a suitable special date for February.

8. Meeting Adjourned

Lynn Young made a motion to adjourn at 7:10pm. Seconded by Liz Stern.

Moira Deasy
Chairperson