

**TOWN OF STONINGTON
HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING
STONINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
OCTOBER 26, 2023, at 5:30 pm**

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Moira Deasy, Hannah Cedermark, Meredith Bogue, Lynn Young, Liz Stern, Paul Sartor (arrived late at approximately 6:00 pm), Absent: Kevin Halter
First Selectman, Danielle Chesebrough
Director of Human Services, Leanne Theodore
Town Planner, Clifton Iler

1. Call to Order

Moira Deasy called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm

2. Comments from the Public

None. A brief overview of the Commission was provided for the benefit of the high school students that were in attendance to meet the requirements of their *Citizens in Action* class.

****Election of Officer(s)/Appointment of Voting Member(s)****

A motion was made by Lynn Young to add selection of Chair to the October 26, 2023, Regular Meeting Agenda. Motion seconded by Hannah Cedermark, all in favor, motion approved. A motion was made by Meredith Bogue to appoint Moira Deasy as Chair. Motion seconded by Lynn Young, all in favor, motion approved.

A motion was made by Moira Deasy to add Liz Stern as a voting member for the purposes of the October 26, 2023, Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Lynn Young, all in favor, motion approved.

3. Secretary's Report

Corrections noted and completed.

A motion was made by Lynn Young to approve the minutes of Special Meeting September 28, 2023, as corrected. Motion seconded by Hannah Cedermark, all in favor, motion approved.

4. Old Business

None.

5. New Business

a. Introduction of Members

No new members present.

b. Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Moira Deasy to hold a Special Meeting on November 16, 2023, and December 14, 2023 (locations to be determined) and cancel the November 2023 and December 2023 Regular Meetings. Motion seconded by Lynn Young, all in favor, approved.

c. Commission Long and Short-Term Goals

Liz Stern discussed the importance of researching and reporting on State legislation, other Town's affordable housing plans, Planning and Zoning Commission meeting activity, as well as engaging in conversations with the community.

d. Initial Research and Data Collection Efforts

Lynn Young noted that efforts into determining the Town's naturally occurring affordable housing were stalled due to the lack of available data on relevant housing stock.

e. Assignment of Tasks

Commission members should research, read and review:

- Town Ordinance establishing the Housing Opportunities Commission (https://www.stonington-ct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3851/f/uploads/ordinance_housing_stonington_final.pdf)
- Affordable Housing Plan Report Card article in The Day - October 14, 2023 (<https://www.theday.com/housing-solutions-lab/20231014/new-london-county-earns-a-c-on-its-affordable-housing-progress/>)
- Best Practices from other municipalities and states to consider alternatives to 8-30g.

6. Comments from the Commission

None.

7. Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made by Lynn Young at 6:45pm. Motion seconded by Hannah Cedermark, all in favor, motion approved. Meeting adjourned.



Hannah Cedermark