

Minutes of Affordable Housing Committee of January 9, 2020
7:30 PM in the Municipal Building

Attendance:

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

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

Eva Alligood, Planning Board	Absent
Rose Noonan, Housing Action Council	Present
Adam & Kay Wasserman, Ryan McQue, Jersey Clegg, community visitors	

Minutes were taken by Elise Smith

Arthur Riolo called the meeting to order and asked if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting or for a motion to accept the minutes.

James Keaney made a motion to accept the minutes, Ira seconded the motion and motion was passed.

0 Warburton

Arthur advised that there is nothing new.

Rose advised that the feasibility loan will come due January 15. We will have to decide to pay or extend the loan. Ira suggested we extend. Rose will forward information to Ira. We will have to submit request for 6-month extension.

We will have to make a decision on feasibility of the project.

To request the extension, we will need to write up what has been done and next steps.

0 Hollywood

Arthur advised that we have not been able to agree on price. We can't increase our offer without the ability to build more units.

The owner decided to sell on the open market.

Seller says it is an approved subdivision, legal building lot, but does not have an approved site plan.

Ira suggested that we put this on hold and check back after a while.

Holly Place

Arthur advised we are at an impasse. Two of the three owners are willing to sell but will not agree to allow due diligence

The owners stated that people in the Village have referred to the property as a junk yard, and that is not accurate. They use to store heavy equipment and auto parts there.

Arthur has not been able to speak to the sister, but will continue to try.

Financials

Andrew advised that between the new Chase account and the Sterling account our balance is approximately \$13,000. Since the Cronin payment has cleared, Andrew will close the Sterling account.

We have received approximately \$3,580 in contributions, but there were several envelopes we just picked up from the mail box. Andrew will have a final tally next meeting.

We have been advised of unclaimed funds in the name of Hastings Fair Housing Committee. Andrew will look into whether we can access these funds. Andrew will reach out to Miranda at the Ardsley branch of Sterling and Arthur will reach out to the daughter of the former head of this committee.

The Fair Housing Committee has been disbanded.

Miscellaneous

Ira advised that the Director and Officer insurance is up for renewal next week. Annual premium is \$1,176 for \$1,000,000 coverage.

Ira made a motion to renew the policy, Andrew seconded and the motion passed

Rose advised that the County Executive is setting up meetings with municipalities regarding a model accessory apartment ordinance. She will forward a copy when she receives it.

Rose suggested that someone from our committee should be included when the meeting is arranged.

Ernesto advised that he is resigning from the committee, but is willing to continue assisting if he can. He will continue to pass along information on funding that may come across his desk.

Bettina suggested that we should do something to educate Hastings residents on affordable housing and what we are trying to do.

She has checked out several films on affordable housing and found a 45-minute film by Norman Lear and thinks it may be a good choice.

Bettina also suggested reaching out to seniors living in homes that are larger than they need. She questioned if it would be possible to put in an accessory apartment for their use and rent out the main house to help with their expenses.

Jersey Clegg, who is a tenant at 422 Warburton spoke to us about being a tenant in an affordable housing building. Although they are happy in their apartment, there have been problems.

She suggested that it would be good for the committee to follow up with the families they place in new units so we would know what problems may come up between tenants and management.

She also suggested that we should educate village residents on what affordable housing is.

She expressed some interest in joining the committee.

Ira will follow up with the management company about their efforts to fill the vacancy with people on our interest list.

Our next meeting will be February 13, 2020.

Ira moved to adjourn the meeting, Ernesto seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.