**Mtn. Lakes Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Meeting**

**January 12, 2022**

**Meeting by Zoom**

**Committee members:** Bob Oostdyk, Borough Attorney; Sandy Batty, Community Member; Sueanne Sylvester, HPC, Blair Schleicher Wilson, Community Member, and Committee Chair; Cynthia Korman, Audrey Lane, Khizar Sheikh - Council Members.

**Public**: George Jackson

1. **Minutes** of theDecember 8, 2021 Meeting were corrected to delete the last sentence in paragraph 2.c. regarding home assessor. Approved as corrected.
2. **Discussion Items**

* ***Letter to property owners*** As far as we know, no one has responded to the letter to homeowners with potential accessory apartments. Blair mentioned that she is not getting the AHAC emails and will contact Mitchell to request that they be directed to her.

***Council Discussion Item on policy*** ***regarding accessory apartments*** Khizar will be working on framing the discussion item, with Audrey and Cynthia’s help. For background, Bob will supply information for Council members, including a copy of the applicable sections of the zoning ordinance, and the ordinances and documents dealing with affordable accessory apartments.

The AHAC has been diligently working to interest homeowners in creating affordable apartments but hasn’t gotten a lot of response.  The accessory apartments program is part of the Borough’s fair share housing commitment.

We have worked hard to try to get apartments and Fair Share Housing should regard our efforts favorably. In approving our plan, FSH knew that this was experimental. Blair will contact Adam Gordon of Fair Share Housing to invite him to meet to discuss accessory apartments.  We need to get background to frame the discussion. The ten-year deed restriction is a disincentive.

After additional information gathering by the AHAC, Council will be presented with potential options and recommendations regarding the accessory apartments program.

* ***Meeting date/time*** – Blair asked what works best for members. Members agreed to keep the date and time.

1. As there were no comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned
2. **Next meeting- February 9, 2022, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

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