**Mtn. Lakes Affordable Housing Advisory Committee**

**February 9, 2022**

**Meeting by Zoom**

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

**Public**: George Jackson, Meghan Leininger

1. **Minutes of** January 12, 2022 Meeting. Khizar offered corrections by email. The committee tabled the minutes for consideration of his comments.

1. **Old Business**
* Blair said that AHAC emails are set to be forwarded to her address, but no feedback has been sent regarding the letter to homeowners.
* Blair reached out Josh Bauers of the Fair Share Housing Center, who is the attorney for our region, to invite him to one of our meetings. We will ask for his feedback on our accessory apartment program and on possibilities for other ways to accomplish affordable housing. The committee discussed potential issues to discuss with him, including changing state restrictions that inhibit creation of affordable apartments, such as the requirement of a 10-year deed restriction. We would like to allow for short-term rentals without the 10-year restriction and each year reaffirm that the town has 5 affordable units.
* Sueanne suggested that we ask other towns that have passed accessory apartment ordinances if they have similar or other concerns. Blair will send out a list for each committee member to call one.
* Mitchell reported that the Zoning Board might hear the application for the Veterans affordable housing in March if paperwork is completed.
1. **Discussion Items**

Blair would like to have speakers invited to future meetings to update the committee.

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

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