

**Mtn. Lakes Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Meeting
April 28, 2021**

Minutes

Meeting by Zoom

Committee members present: Bob Oostdyk, Borough Attorney; Meghan Leininger, Planning Board member; Sandy Batty, Community Member; Sueanne Sylvester, MLHPC Chair, Blair Schleicher Wilson, Committee Chair; Khizar Sheik, and Cynthia Korman- Council Members.

Public: George Jackson

Minutes of January and February meetings held till next meeting

Public meeting promoting the affordable apartment program

The committee discussed the details for the next public meeting. So far about three people have expressed interest in the program. Our public information program has been active, so we are in compliance with our settlement agreement. However, we need to watch costs, as the funds left in the program are dwindling.

The presentation should emphasize the economic benefits of participating in the program, including the apartment becoming a conforming use under our zoning. There are also some possible tax benefits, such as being able to deduct some expenses related to apartment improvements and depreciation from rental income. Our public meeting should include a presentation by an accountant.

We need to let people know that there's no penalty for self-identifying having a nonconforming apartment.

Sueanne suggested having a Zoom presentation that is simultaneously broadcast on Facebook, so people can watch anonymously. Sueanne said she would help with this. We could also put a recording on YouTube with a link to it on Borough website.

Dates for public meetings: May 18, 6 :30 PM; June 17, 7:30 PM
Business zone on May 20 3 PM, in person in Business Zone A

Next meeting- May 12, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.