

Mtn. Lakes Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Meeting
December 08, 2023
Agenda
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Meeting by Zoom

Committee members present: Bob Oostdyk, Borough Attorney; Sandy Batty, Community Member; Sueanne Sylvester, Community Member and HPC Liaison; and Chair; Tom Chiang, Alternate Member #1; Cynthia Korman, Council Member.

Public: George Jackson

1. Minutes of September meeting approved as written
2. Discussion Items:

Accessory Apts. Cynthia will talk to the owner of the Blue House/Dentist's Office in January about including affordable housing after the \$20,000 grant is publicized through the Borough eblast. The grant would be a way to encourage landlord participation. Interested people would be told to contact the Borough Manager. Tom will draft the content for the eblast and Bob will review before it is submitted. The funds will come from the affordable housing trust fund. The Borough has the obligation to spend \$20,000 each year in direct costs for affordable housing. George mentioned the garage behind Hapgoods might be another place for apartment but Sueanne followed up and they are not considering creating an apartment.

CGP&H Mitchell sent the agreement with CGP&H to Cynthia and Bob for their review. The Borough Council would approve it at the January reorganization meeting. The contract would have CGP&H do the Borough's entire AH work for the rental and purchase units, as well as the accessory apartment program. CGP&H provided a budget for their work. Currently we have two separate contracts. We could consider having someone from the County talk to us about rehabilitation of existing housing for people meeting the income requirements.

Highlands Council The Borough Council passed resolution on the Borough proceeding with steps to conform with Highlands Regional Master Plan. The NJ Highlands Council will do a consistency review and recommendations for what the Borough would have to change to bring it in consistency with the Highlands Plan. Conformity with the Highlands might have an impact on how we determine our affordable housing obligation. The Borough Council will be evaluating the whole picture, including the impact on affordable housing. Cynthia will ask if funding is available for hiring a planner to develop our fourth-round housing plan.

3. Old Business

Legislation is being discussed about delaying fourth round, but it's not sure if any possible legislation would be challenged. As of now, the fourth round numbers are anticipated to be released in July. NJ HMFA is developing recommendations, including removing it from the courts and into an administrative agency.

Membership Still looking for new alternates and a representative from the Planning Board.

Next Meeting- January 12, 2024, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.