

Town of Old Lyme
Affordable Housing Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday March 15th 2023 5:00 PM
Old Lyme Town Hall, Meeting Hall

This meeting was convened in the Old Lyme Town Hall Meeting Hall with call-in access available.

MINUTES (UNAPPROVED)

1. Call to Order
 - The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM
 - Present in person: Michael Fogliano, Bill Belluzzi, alternate Anthony Vasiliou
 - Present by phone: Jenn Miller, John Coughlin, alternate Laurie Walker
 - Absent: Amy Hosier
2. Election of Officers
 - Item deferred until all regular members are in attendance
3. Public Comment
 - None
4. Correspondence
 - None
5. Approval of Minutes
 - 5.1. February 15 2023 Regular Meeting
 - Motion to approve by Bill Belluzzi, second by John Coughlin; no discussion; motion carried unanimously
6. Updates
 - 6.1. General
 - 6.2. Projects
 - 6.2.1. McCulloch Family Open Space Affordable Housing Option
 - Mr. Fogliano reported that town counsel was in the process of collecting information and documents relative to the specific terms for exercising the option, recommendations on how to assign or otherwise utilize the ARPA grant to support an external developer, and recommendations for a transparent process to identify a development partner. More guidance is expected in the coming weeks.
 - 6.3. Standing Workstreams
 - 6.3.1. Community Engagement

- There were no new items to report. Mr. Belluzzi suggested that, considering the high level of activity around housing in the current state legislative session, an article on that topic might be useful.

6.3.2. Policy and Regulatory

6.3.2.1. HB-6633 Discussion

- Mr. Fogliano made a motion for the Commission to take a position of opposition to HB-6633, and to authorize the Chairman to communicate that position to the Board of Selectmen and to our elected CGA representatives. The motion was seconded by John Coughlin. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

6.3.3. Funding and Partnering Opportunities

- Ms. Miller and Mr. Vasiliou will be working on an application for a “Yes In My Back Yard” grant to support the commission’s work to advance proposals for policy and regulatory changes to support affordable housing.
- Ms. Miller noted that the most recent Habitat for Humanity project is accepting applications. Mr. Fogliano and Mr. Belluzzi will look into posting the application and relevant information on the commission web page.

6.3.4. Development Opportunities

- Mr. Coughlin gave an update on the Old Lyme Landing project being pursued under CGS Sec. 8-30g by a private developer. Mr. Fogliano noted that the founding ordinance for the Affordable Housing Commission charges the Commission with providing advice to the land use boards on matters related to affordable housing, and that the Commission should be prepared to fulfill that responsibility when formal applications are submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commissions.

7. Other Business

- None

8. Upcoming Meetings and Agenda Items

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 19th.

9. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by John Coughlin, second by Bill Belluzzi; no discussion; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.