

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**MADISON AD HOC AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 8, 2023**

A special meeting of the Madison Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Committee was conducted on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 4:00pm in Meeting Room A of Madison Town Campus.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairman Mark Edmiston, Vice Chairman Francine Larson, Anthony Amplo, Peter Meier, Bennett Pudlin, Eric Ratchman, Jane Zennario (via telephone)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Town Planner Erin Mannix; Asst Director of Beach, Recreation & Senior Services Heather Noblin; Social Services Coordinator Molly Fahey; members of the public

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The special meeting of the Madison Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Committee was called to order at 4:00pm by Chairman Mark Edmiston.

Members of the Committee introduced themselves. Ms. Mannix, Ms. Noblin and Ms. Fahey were introduced as support staff for the Committee. Selectwoman Ms. Jen Gordon was noted to be the liaison from the Board of Selectman to the Committee. She was unable to attend the meeting. A member of the Board of Finance has yet to be assigned as liaison to the Committee.

First Selectwoman Ms. Peggy Lyons made a brief appearance to introduce herself to the Committee and noted she would schedule her availability to attend a future meeting.

Chairman Edmiston noted that the Committee had been chartered to include no more than four members from one political party. Since the Committee had been seated with five members from one political party, the BOS revised the charge to allow five members from one political party.

Ms. Mannix fielded questions on various topics from Committee members. Information gathered included the following:

**\*\*The Committee does not have a budget. If/when monies are determined to be necessary, the Committee will inquire.**

\*\*The Town has not identified any properties in Madison available for Affordable Housing development.

\*\*The BOS is not actively pursuing new water or sewer infrastructure projects. A wastewater study is pending. Ms. Mannix will keep the Committee informed regarding any progress.

\*\*Madison has a tax incentive program for Affordable Housing. One is being used for the Wellington project on Cottage Road.

\*\*Towns can seek grants or matching funds for Affordable Housing from sources such as Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA).

\*\*Madison is looking into joining the Estuary Transportation District

\*\*Non-profits such as Project Hope can help facilitate Affordable Housing projects

\*\*Ms. Mannix attends monthly SCRCOG (South Central Regional Council of Governments) meetings to discuss Affordable Housing. She will put Committee members on the email notification list of meetings in the event members would like to attend.

\*\*Ms. Mannix suggested the Committee might be helped by meeting with David Fink who is a Housing Consultant to SCRCOG. Chairman Edmiston agreed and asked Ms. Mannix to inquire as to his availability to attend the next meeting on March 22, 2023.

**Chairman Edmiston made a motion to adjourn at 6:00pm. It was unanimously approved.**