

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**MADISON AD HOC AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2023**

A special meeting of the Madison Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Committee was conducted on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 4:00pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Mark Edmiston, Vice Chairman Francine Larson, Peter Meier, Bennett Pudlin, Eric Ratchman, Jane Zennario

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anthony Amplo

OTHERS PRESENT

Board of Selectman, Jen Gordon; Town Planner Erin Mannix; Asst Director of Beach, Recreation & Senior Services Heather Noblin; Social Services Coordinator Molly Fahey

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

It was determined that Room B is not large enough. Chairman Edmiston made a motion to move the meeting to Room A. Committee Member Pudlin seconded the motion. Members agreed that, going forward, meeting in a larger room such as Room A or other available room is necessary.

Public Comments

There were no public comments

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Edmiston made a motion to approve the March 8, 2023 minutes as submitted; it was seconded by Committee Member Meier and unanimously approved.

New Business

**Selectwoman, Jen Gordon introduced herself to the Committee as the liaison from the Board of Selectman. In addressing the BOS' expectations of the Committee, she noted that they are interested in the Committee identifying areas in the entirety of Madison that are suitable for Affordable Housing. Ms. Gordon noted that in this identification, not individual properties per

se, but rather areas not only near transit hubs such as the train station or commuter lots, but also areas where people may be commuting to work outside of Madison, such as driving north to Durham, Middletown or Hartford, for example.

**Committee members and liaisons discussed various strategies for action items the Committee might take in advising as to how to implement the Affordable Housing Plan. A priority is for the Committee to meet with the Housing Consultant, David Fink. He has agreed to meet with the Committee at the next scheduled meeting on April 5, 2023.

**Other areas the Committee identified as priorities to research are:

1. Zoning
2. Developers
3. Non-profit organizations that help facilitate Affordable Housing
4. Funding for Affordable Housing
5. Madison's State House legislators

**Providing informational/educational opportunities for the public about Affordable Housing was identified as an essential aspect of achieving the goals of the Affordable Housing Plan. Committee Member Zennario agreed to submit a draft description of the Committee's role for consideration at the next meeting.

**SCROCG has a Power Mapping Group and is meeting on April 25, 2023. Committee member Pudlin volunteered to be the Committee liaison to the Group and will attend the meeting.

**The Committee meetings have yet to appear on the Town Calendar. Additionally, Committee Members requested that Zoom and recording capabilities be arranged for Members that cannot attend in person and want to attend remotely, as well as to have the ability to listen to the meeting if one is unable to attend in person or remotely on the date of the meeting. Ms. Noblin will check on these items.

**Reviewing the Town of Madison 2022-2027 Affordable Housing Plan was postponed to a future date.

Committee Member Meier made a motion to adjourn at 6:00pm; it was seconded by Committee Member Zennario and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Francine V. Larson, Vice Chair

