

MADISON AD HOC AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2021

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Plan Advisory Committee was conducted Friday, September 10, at 8:30 a.m., remotely, using Zoom Videoconferencing. The public was invited to participate remotely by joining the meeting through a Zoom webinar link. Log-in details were posted to the Town of Madison website (<https://www.madisonct.org/>), prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sarah Mervine, Erin Duques, Andrea Aron, Chad Greenlee, Mathew Keller, and Peter Roos.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rosalyn Fahey

OTHERS PRESENT:

Heather Noblin, Cristal Depietro

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Plan Advisory Committee was called to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. by Sarah Mervine.

2. Approval of Minutes from 8/27/21

The minutes of August 27, 2021 were approved. Peter Roos motioned, Matt Keller seconded.

3. Update on Survey and Final Decisions (use SCROG survey or do our own?)

There was much discussion on whether to use the SCROG survey or to do our own. While many members had some problems with some of the survey questions, people felt that this survey might help get information for the region. It was pointed out that we need a plan and we hope the consultant will help us write it so that might be reason enough to do the survey.

Peter Roos pointed out that we could always use their survey and then do our own. There is room to do both. Andrea Aron wondered whether people will do two surveys. Matt agreed with Peter, we could probably do two even though this one still has some confusing parts. Chad Greenlee pointed out that we could use our survey to check the data we get from the first one. We could do ours after to “balance out” this one. Erin Duques explained that we could use our survey to educate people about affordable housing. She expressed reservations about not participating in SCROG. She also wondered if we got any money from SCROG to help to disseminate the survey. Sarah Mervine will check but didn’t think so.

The Committee also discussed applying for the grant from DOH if we needed money to do a second survey. Sarah Mervine explained that all that really was required was a plan of what we intend to do and a budget. The BOS would need to approve that budget. First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons said she would bring the budget to a vote if we want to apply for the grant. The Committee decided it made sense to apply for the grant soon.

The Committee considered that another possibility for the grant was to make a video to educate people about Affordable Housing, like the video Guilford created. Peter Roos mentioned that there were people who could do the video and they may cost around \$3500. Peter will talk to those people to see what they would cost and if they are available. Using students to do this project was also discussed.

There was also discussion about putting a new survey in the Source and using some grant money for that.

4. Schedule First Educational Meetings

The Committee discussed scheduling the first educational meetings. Sarah Mervine will reach out to David Fink to see when he can come. Andrea Aron reached out to Elaine Reitman, President of Concord Meadows (Senior and Disabled housing) who is also willing to speak about the need Concord Meadows sees (the full waitlists, etc.). Cristal Dipetro agreed to speak on behalf of her clients. These meetings might be held in late October or close to that.

5. Other Future Steps

There was some discussion about inviting various developers to speak to us about what they would need in order to develop affordable housing in Madison. Peter Roos will reach out to the Hope Partnership (they are willing to come and speak) and Sarah Mervine will reach out to Jerry Davis and Beacon to have them speak to the committee.

Sarah Mervine adjourned the meeting at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Mervine