

Egremont Housing Commission Minutes

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Egremont Town Hall

In Attendance:

Richard Allen, Joan Goodkind, Bonnie Oloff, Fred Gordon

Absent: Richard Stanley

Meeting called to order by Joan Goodkind at 5:15 p.m.

The Committee began by discussing the scope and objectives of the Committee.

The stated objectives are:

To identify available land and/or properties available within Egremont for inexpensive housing and to advocate/consult on modifications to existing dwellings to create separate living spaces which are in compliance with existing zoning laws and building codes. Examples include, but are not limited to apartments over garages, finished basements, attics and outbuildings.

Short Term Action Plan

- Richard Allen will investigate suitable properties in South Egremont.
- Bonnie Oloff will be in touch and research the Salisbury Housing Trust for best practices relative to workforce housing.
- Richard Allen will contact Georgette Kinney to explore donating property for inexpensive housing.
- Fred Gordon will contact the owners of abandoned property along Route 23.
- Bonnie Oloff will contact June Wolfe to attend next Board Meeting

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Other items discussed:

- Financial incentives for citizens to offer property or services to reach the Housing Commissions stated objectives.
- Possible establishment of a 501 (c) (3).
- Due to the high cost of housing and construction costs, the most viable option appears to be rental housing, as opposed to home purchase.
- Zoning and Building Codes should be reviewed to determine if they are compatible with stated objectives.
- Government financial assistance in meeting these objects is not a viable option due to the many restrictions involved.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The next Housing Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 5:00, Egremont Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Fred Gordon