

Town of Madison
Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Committee

Organizational Meeting February 14, 2023

In Attendance:

Anthony Amplo
Mark Edmiston (Chair)
Francine Larson (Vice Chair)
Peter Meier
Eric Ratchman
Jane Zennario

Absent:

Bennett Pudlin

Mr. Edmiston called the meeting to order at 5:05PM.

- Began with a general discussion of the committee's responsibilities/limitations given that it is a new structure within without policy making authority.
- It was unanimously agreed to establish a work plan based on the outline included in the BOS resolution establishing the committee and begin as soon as possible to engage senior officials to clarify our role in relation to other entities in Town governance.
 - A list of questions to clarify our relationship to the town will be sent to the First Selectwoman
- Initial responsibilities are as follows:
 - Jane will focus on transit issues that may help/hinder affordable development and monitor legislative activity that may affect our goal.
 - Peter and Francine will collect information from neighboring towns for lessons, good or bad, on affordable development.
 - Anthony will collect data and identify sources that will facilitate financing of affordable housing development and identify outside expertise that we help our knowledge base.
 - Eric will collect data on non-profit sector support for affordable housing.
- Jane recommended and the committee agreed that the committee should actively communicate the positive aspects of affordable housing and the benefits that will accrue from a more diverse housing stock.
- Committee established a bi-weekly meeting schedule beginning on March 8 @ 4:00. Each meeting will be held in-person with a Zoom hybrid option if necessary. it was agreed to invite the First Selectwoman to attend the first meeting with other Town staffers with whom the committee will liaise.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:17PM.

