

Subject to Approval

**MADISON AD HOC AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 23, 2021**

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Plan Advisory Committee was conducted Friday, April 23, 2021, 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**

Chairwoman Sarah Mervine, Andrea Aron, Peter Roos, Matthew Keller, Chad Greenlee, and Crystal DePietro.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Vice Chairwoman Erin Duques, and Roz Fahey

**OTHERS PRESENT**

David Anderson, Heather Noblin

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chairwoman Sarah Mervine.

1. Approval of minutes for: March 26, 2021, Approved, Peter Roos Motioned, Second by Matt Keller.  
April 8, 2021, Approved, Matthew Keller Motioned, Second by Chairwoman Sarah Mervine.
2. Meeting Schedules:  
Meetings will be held every other week on Fridays at 8:30 a.m. David will send out the list of dates.
  - a. David will find out the town policy on in-person meetings going forward.
  - b. Do we all need to be vaccinated?
  - c. It is required to record them on Zoom, hybrid style.
3. Debrief on Conversations with David Fink, Liz Petra, and Mary Jo Kestner.

- a. The general thought was of appreciation for the guest speakers who greatly contributed to our knowledge of affordable housing and answered our questions.
  - b. Committee name- discussion involved the focus on communication and transparency; discussion on a possible name change, but in the end agreed that because of the long history with this name, it will remain.
  - c. Videos, materials – discussion involved questions of how do we get the message out and educate people? Our first step might be to ask David Fink to attend our open meetings and give an overview to break down barriers, as well as provide information to some people that have misleading facts. It's important to separate what's being proposed in Hartford and our charge to form a plan on expanding affordable housing. Our video should define our message first and separate myths from facts. A survey given to residents along with people who might want to reside in Madison will give us information on perceived needs. Our video should include personal stories.
  - d. Meetings with the public – discussion involved reaching out to the community and meeting with different groups, providing panels of experts, where people can speak and provide information.
4. Update on RFP prepared by SCRCOG – we are still waiting for responses to the RFP for a consultant. We may need to work with the consultant on best steps to take.
  5. Next Steps – discussion involved asking the community to identify the needs and asking testimony from residents who see a need for affordable housing, as well as from people who work in Madison and wish to reside in town, or senior citizens who wish to downsize. We need to formulate questions first to be able to reach out to people, and ask town leaders to have their input on the needs of affordable housing. Discussion involved the formation of a Google Doc to devise questions to ask the stakeholders in our community. Committee members should register their thoughts and questions there in the intervening weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.