

Affordable Housing Working Group Minutes
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.
Adopted September 6, 2023
This meeting was held via ZOOM

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. The following were present:

- Steve Normand
- Jim Laughren
- Courtenay Snellings
- Kevin Johnson, Select Boar representative
- Mark Eyerman, Town Planner
- Zack Stoler, Alternate who joined the meeting in progress

2. Discuss the possible repurchase of the West Harpswell School by the Town – The members of the working group discussed the warrant article that will be on the agenda for the March Town Meeting. The Town Planner explained that town committees typically only provide information about warrant articles and do not normally take a position on an article. The group discussed the suitability/feasibility of using the building for affordable housing if the Town purchases it including a number of concerns as a result of the walk-through of the building. The Working Group designated Steve Normand to be the spokesperson for the group and to present the group's concerns about the feasibility of using the building for housing at the Town Meeting.

3. Review draft work plan by Levine Planning Services – The group reviewed the letter from Jeff Levine outlining a number of tasks his consulting team could provide to assist the Working Group. The group reviewed the options and identified the ones that the group was interested in discussing further with Jeff. The group also identified some areas that were not addressed in the options letter. The Working Group asked the Town Planner to contact Jeff Levine to discuss refinement of the services that he can provide to the Working Group.

4. Approve minutes of the February 1, 2023 meeting of the Working Group – The minutes were not available for review so this item was postponed to the next meeting.

5. Set the date and time for next meeting – Since a number of members will not be available on April 5th the meeting will be scheduled when people are available.

6. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Mark Eyerman, Town Planner