

**MINUTES OF THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY STUDY COMMITTEE
WEBEX MEETING ON MAY 26, 2021**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Dominic Thomas, Chairman, Attorney Marianne DuBuque, First Selectman Beth Heller, Town Counsel Gerry Weiner, Debbie Brander, Mary Dean, Lewis Schaffer, Dwight Rowland, Buddy DeGennaro, Nicole Donzello, Elaine Feldman, James Graham, Kathy Hunter, Donovan Lofters, and Land Use Analyst Kristine Sullivan

EXCUSED: Mica Cardozo & Harriet Cooper

The first special meeting of the Housing Opportunity Study Committee, held via WebEx, was called to order at 7:08 pm by the Chairman.

First Selectwoman Beth Heller gave a brief welcoming address to all of the Committee members.

The Chairman then gave a welcome to the members after which he asked all the members to individually introduce themselves to the other members.

The Chairman then reviewed the Establishment and Charge of the Committee and asked for members to provide input regarding their understanding of that document.

Attorney Marianne DuBuque provided background information on the Multi-family/Affordable Housing application currently before the Town Plan and Zoning Commission as well as different aspects of Affordable Housing.

There was then general discussion of the tasks assigned to the Committee, what information would be useful for members to have to address those tasks and what information members needed to understand those tasks.

There was also discussion of what utilizing subcommittees to address the various tasks/topics assigned to the Committee.

A list was begun of information that would be useful to the Committee, including GIS, Zoning Regulations, maps pertaining to public water, septic, transportation, and infrastructure. Links to the foregoing that are readily available will be provided to the members before/by the next meeting. including the Housing Study Report that needs to be completed as required by State Statute by July 2022.

After discussion, it was decided that next meeting of the Committee will be on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm via WebEx. At that meeting a schedule of Committee meeting dates going forward will be decided.

There being no further business for the Committee, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Thomas at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Trzaski
Clerk