

Minutes of Housing Committee
July 5, 2023, 7PM
Woodbridge Town Hall

In Attendance: Kathy Hunter, Lewis Shaffer, Elaine Feldman, Jim Graham, Mary Dean, Nicole Donzello (invited guest)

1. Nicole Donzello updated the committee on the finalized CUPOP town-owned property list, which was sorted by four (4) categories:

Category 1 includes all Town-owned property "dedicated to open space or other use under the terms of grants-in-aid conditions".

Category 2 includes all Town-owned property "the uses of which are now under the direction of existing commissions or other agencies of the Town".

Category 3 includes all Town-owned property "the uses of which are not under the direction of existing commissions or other agencies of the Town".

Category 4 includes land and buildings "which the Town has the option to purchase and/or has right of first refusal."

The list, which will be on the CUPOP page on the town's website, will be user friendly and will provide access to deeds and restrictions on property. There are 44 properties under Category 3 that will be vetted through the relevant commissions and committees such as housing, conservation, and recreation for feedback into the best use. Given the current town RFP on the Woodbridge County Club property, CUPOP will start with this property for receiving comments. CUPOP will have a public hearing on August 28th to receive recommendations on the property.

2. Public Comment: There was no one present for public comment.
3. Review of June 7 Minutes:

With the addition of the name of the individual who provided public comment, approved unanimously (Mary moved to approve the minutes; Lew seconded.)

4. Briefing of SCRCOG meeting June 28th:

Mary and Kathy attended the last SCRCOG session, *Housing in the SCRCOG Region: Where We Are, Where We're Headed*, that discussed the progress on housing that towns in Guilford, Wallingford, Hamden made. Kathy did have a report but was not able to present due to time limitations but subsequently sent it to SCRCOG as attached. She did report our handicap is a lack of staff to run a program, beginning with a planner. The meeting also discussed barriers the

region still faces, and what programming municipalities would like to see from the working group in the next fiscal year such as about creating Community Land Trusts. Also discussed was SCRCOG's plans to provide regional training for Planning and Zoning Commissioners and potential for collaborating on the training towns such as in Woodbridge are hosting. David and Ben Fink discussed how funding from SCRCOG had been approved to continue with the community engagement process.

Follow-up: Kathy called Mike Santoro about providing planning support. Woodbridge to be put on a short list for help.

5. Planning for Community Conversations-CONNECT, Senior Center

Lew discussed arranging a phone call with Matt McDermott and Ben Fink to schedule a community conversation with CONNECT. Mary will follow up with the recently opened "Center" to see if a conversation could be arranged with some of the senior members.

6. Event for training on Affordable Housing & Fair Housing Policy

Kathy discussed her plans for arranging for a session on Affordable Housing and Fair Housing Policy that is now required training for land use officials such as P&Z and the Zoning appeals Board. She advised that Attorney Mark Branse is available to provide that training on October 30th. He had previously provided the training for UCONN's Clear Academy and Kathy felt it was very comprehensive. She is presenting this for approval at P&Z 's next scheduled meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.