

Town of Richmond Housing Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 8, 2022

Time Started: 7:33p

Time Ended: 8:44p

Ravi Venkataraman (Host)

Present: Virginia Clarke, Mark Hall (Chair), Connie van Eeghen

Guest: Jay Furr, Alison Johnson (Habitat for Humanity), "Barbara's iPad"

Absent: Sarah Heim

Quorum is 4; 4 votes to pass any motion

1. Welcome and troubleshooting
2. Approval of August 11 2022 minutes
 - a. Accepted as written
3. Adjustments to Agenda - none
4. Presentation by Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity
 - a. Introduced Alison Johnson from GMHH
 - b. No previous housing projects in Richmond... so far
 - c. Presentation shared
 - i. Has built 102 homes, helping 300+ people in NE VT
 - ii. On a growth curve: new project in South Burlington, among others
 - iii. Each house returns to HH to be refurbished for the next family
 - iv. New homes depend on donated land of adequate size
 1. Richmond Planning Committee is getting ready to propose modest lot sizes for multi-family homes
 2. Families need to be close to public transport, or be able to walk to a store
 - v. Many ways for individuals and organizations to support HH
 1. Towns can support as well: funding and planning support
5. Review Advocacy Work Plan
 - a. Planning Commission update – Virginia
 - i. Multi-family unit standards and other zoning-related changes (e.g. PUD requirement) agreed to in principal
 - ii. Tentative public hearing on October 19
 - iii. Six weeks to carry out outreach
 - iv. Next PC meeting for vote: Sept 21
 - b. Sept 23: Farmer's Market, table, tent, banner, and poster with photos, and handout, and summary of changes proposed by Planning Commission, and summary of how these changes relate to the Town Plan. Also highlight Housing Committee's role in looking for Affordable Housing, e.g. Habitat for Humanity
 - i. Consider a logo or the Town logo for these documents
 - ii. Mark will ask Alison for flyers for the table
 - iii. Ravi can print up to 20 color handouts
 - c. Mark's draft handout reviewed – he will email it to the group
 - d. Virginia will email/call Heidi Racht about letter in Times Inc: deadline is Sept 12 for Sept 22 issue
 - e. FPF:
 - i. RRE will post just before Famer's Market on Sept 23, and Oct 19 public hearing
 - ii. Miranda will post on diversity
 - iii. Mark will post on climate change
 - iv. Virginia will promote the public hearing and why it's important
6. Other business, correspondence, and adjournment
 - a. Internship update – no interest received yet; Ravi will do more outreach
 - b. Next meeting: October 13, 2022 at 7:30
 - c. Proposed agenda to include: preparation for Planning Commission meeting; continued advocacy
 - i. Agreed to adjourn at 7:44p

Recorded by Connie van Eeghen