

Affordable Housing Committee
Minutes
August 20, 2025
Flaherty Room, Town Hall

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DATE: 8/25/25
TIME: 8:00 AM
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Members Present: Rosalie Averill, Allison Pond, Mary Ann Robinson, Marietta Sabetta.
Others present: Jeff Baryla

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mary Ann Robinson.
- 2) Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) There was no written correspondence.
- 4) Rosalie Averill motioned to accept minutes of July 16, 2025 meeting; Marietta Sabetta seconded; the motion passed. 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain
- 5) In her absence, The Rev. Patricia Leonard-Pasley provided us with copies of emails from Stewardship Realty in which they report that Seymour town officials told them that Seymour has reached its affordable housing goal. Seymour officials claim they made no such statement. Trinity church is working with Stewardship Realty to possibly build affordable housing on church property. She will follow up.
- 6) The proposed questionnaire was reviewed. The following issues were discussed:
 - Question #3 – what is the definition of household if more than one family &/or unrelated individuals are sharing a house or apartment?
 - Question #9 – too many options for how long lived in town, why is this necessary?
 - Question #10 – choices should be listed
 - Question #13 – shouldn't this read rent or buy?
 - Question #15 is a duplicate of #2
 - Question #17 is the same as #16
 - Question #18 – amounts are dated!
 - Question #19 – why do we care if there is a written lease?
 - Question #22 should be eliminated – too personal
 - Question #25 – are we liable if they tell us about an issue and we do not help?
 - Questions #26 & 27 are too vague. What does "Cost" include?
 - Questions # 29, 30 & 31 – Why?
 - Questions #32 & 33 should list the AMI & FMR and ask if they were aware.
 - Question #35- speculative, what purpose?
 - Question #37 – ask for reasons
 - Question #46 has 7 obstacles, but asks for rank for only 1 to 6.
 - Question #47 Out – who would be responsible to answer them?
 - Question #48 – why only rents?
 - Question #50 – Out – we are not social services

Our consensus is that this questionnaire is TOO long! People are busy and most would give up before finishing.

- 7) Rosalie Averill made a motion to ask the Board of Selectpersons the status of the questionnaire which they approved entering in with NVCOG at the April meeting. Marietta Sabetta seconded the motion. Motion passed. 4 -Yes 0-No 0-Abstain
- 8) Discussion of a public forum will be tabled until the survey is completed.
- 9) The Reverend Patricia Leonard-Pasly was appointed to the Affordable Housing Committee on August 5.
- 10) Marietta Sabetta motioned to adjourn. Rosalie Averill seconded. 4- Yes 0-No 0-Abstain Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.