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Affordable Housing Committee Minutes September 17, 2025 Flaherty Room, Town Hall

Members Present: Rosalie Averill, Allison Pond (left early), Mary Ann Robinson, Marietta Sabetta, Collean Toupin. Others present: Rev. Patricia Leonard-Pasley (appointed but not sworn in yet; awaiting letter)

- 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) Allison Pond told the committee that she will be resigning from this committee because she is taking a new position with M & T Bank in another town. She then left the meeting.
- 4) Collean Toupin informed the committee that she had been appointed to this committee and had been sworn in. She is looking forward to working with us.
- 5) There was no written correspondence.
- 6) Rosalie Averill motioned to accept minutes of August 20, 2025 meeting; Marietta Sabetta seconded; the motion passed. 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain
- 7) Rev. Pasley reported that Trinity Church is still looking into the possibility of building housing on land that the church owns. They are meeting with Pheobe Ploof of Local Initiatives Support Corporation. (LISC) The LISC goal is to bring developers and land owners together.
- 8) Mary Ann Robinson contacted NVCOG regarding the town survey that we understood was in progress. Savannah-Nicole informed me that she has recommended to First Selectwoman Drugonis that the survey not be started until the Town determines if it intends to work with NVCOG on comprehensive planning efforts.
- 9) The possibility of a public forum was tabled pending results of survey.
- 10) With the resignation of Allison Pond and the appointment of Collean Toupin, we are still one member short.
- 11) Lynn Haig of Fairfield County Center for Housing Opportunity suggested we "forge a relationship with P & Z chair" and work with them to oversee the work of the POCD. It is unclear who the chair is at this point. Regarding the new POCD, James Baldwin informed me the Town has just begun this process. Kurt Miller is planning a meeting with NVCOG. After that meeting they will begin to discuss a possible method on the update to the POCD. They will send out information when a decision of method has been made.

- 12) Rosalie Averill made a motion to email the Selectmen regarding the status of the survey. Marietta Sabetta seconded. Motion passed. 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain
- 13) Rev. Leonard Pasley informed the committee of a community dinner Trintiy Church will be hosting on September 18. Everyone is invited.
- 14) Rosalie Averill motioned to adjourn the meeting. Marietta Sabetta seconded. Motion passed. Yes-4 No-0 Abstain-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.