

Lee Housing Committee Meeting Minutes September 19, 2022

Members present: Katrin Kasper, Nick Taylor (WFHC), Caren Rossi, Cary Brown, Andy Robertson, Sally Cedarholm

Absent: Amanda Gourgue, Deb Sugerman

K. Kasper called the meeting to order at 12:05 as assistant chair, discussion ensued regarding the Invest NH Grant Program and which grant to pursue. C. Rossi expresses opposition to the idea of applying for a grant to hire a planner, mentions that she had spoken with SRPC and you have to fully committed to using the planner for the duration of the grant period. N Taylor agrees with C. Rossi, feels that Lee should apply for grant funding on its own focusing on ADU regulation reform as discussed at prior meetings.

A Robertson distributed grant program overviews to the members. C. Rossi felt that the committee should check with other communities about specific ADU problems they've faced and the solutions they've adopted. N. Taylor mentioned that Newmarket is in the process of changing their ADU guidelines; A Robertson said he would contact them and find out what they are changing. C. Rossi will check with other Strafford County towns about their ADU zoning.

K. Kasper asked what the grant money could specifically be spent on. N Taylor noted that community awareness events fall under allowable grant spending. There was discussion of potential community awareness events; K. Kasper feels the committee should definitely sponsor an event

C. Rossi suggests applying for a "Regulatory Development" grant (option 3 on slide 27 of the BEA "Invest NH Capital Grant Program Overview dated 07-07-2022). N Taylor suggests having SRPC come up with an estimate for an amount to apply for, C. Rossi feels it's unlikely Lee needs to apply for \$100,000. N. Taylor also advises that the grant program screening committee will assist and do a pre-review of the application.

There is further general discussion, N. Taylor suggests that the committee apply for a grant and conduct a planning and zoning regulation audit – noting it's a "free professional review of all your regs". S. Cedarholm and K. Kasper brought up need for temporary housing.

A Robertson suggested a motion to go forward with the audit, C Rossi made a motion to move forward with the audit process, K Kasper seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. There was further discussion of going to a Planning Board meeting (possibly 11/09/22) and let them know what the committee wants to do.

It was determined that the next Housing Committee meeting would be on Oct. 17th to be followed by November 14th and December 12th.

S. Cedarholm made a motion to accept the minutes from the July and August meetings, C. Rossi seconded, vote to accept was unanimous. C. Rossi made a motion to adjourn, seconded by K Kasper, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm.

Minutes submitted by A. Robertson