

Cornwall Affordable Housing Committee

June Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 26, 2021

4:00 pm

Members attending:

Sanah Peterson

Ingrid Ellen

Margaret Cooley

Anna Timell

Jill Cutler

Heather Dinneen

Gordon Ridgway

Janell Mullen (planning consultant)

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Gordon Ridgway, Chair of the Affordable Housing Steering Committee. The planning consultant shared her screen to revisit the re-wording of the housing plan goals in preparation of drafting the plan.

The group moved on to define the measures of success for the affordable housing plan. Member Timell suggested the target goals of 10 affordable units.

Chairman Ridgway suggested the goals also include the creation/conversion of new apartments provided there are no rentals currently available in the Town of Cornwall.

Member Cutler suggested they also include a benchmark for creating options for seniors that wish to downsize such as cooperative housing/co-housing.

The group acknowledged the importance of revisiting these goals on a regular basis.

Member Dinneen mentioned assistance for homeowners or potential homeowners was essential. Consultant Mullen reminded the group of the suggestions for a housing coordinator to assist with applications/technical aspects of homeownership and other social service endeavors.

The group discussed the project timeline moving forward. They agreed that it would be prudent to meet in August.

Chairman Ridgway called for public comment. Caroline Nastro asked the group about their December 2021 deadline. Joanne Wotjusiak asked about the opt-out provisions in the recent legislation. Nastro asked about being exempt from 8-30G.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 23 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted in draft form by Janell Mullen, on 3/24 to be reviewed by the Committee.