

Cornwall Affordable Housing Committee

June Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2021

4:00 pm

Members attending:

Will Evans

Ingrid Ellen

Janet Carlson

Margaret Cooley

Anna Timmel

Marina Kotchoubey

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 review the housing plan goals that were created by the committee in advance of the Cornwall Housing Forum.

The group moved on to revisit the elements of the housing strategies that were outlined in the Plan of Conservation and Development.

Member Cooley suggested the group not focus on "decreasing the minimum lot size required" as mentioned in the POCD. Member Timell was in agreement.

In addition to the strategies that we captured in the housing section of the Town Plan, Member Evans suggested that the Town consider a "housing coordinator" role to assist with helping resident with various housing needs. The group was in agreement.

The planning consultant then gave a review of recent legislative changes at the state level which included many land use reform elements.

During the public comment period, Caroline Nastro asked about the "opt-out" provision involving efficiency units.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 26 at 4:00 pm.

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