

Falls Village Affordable Housing Task Team Introductory Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2021

5:00 pm

Members attending:

Colter Rule
Emily Bronson
Felicia Jones
Abigail Horace
Adam Sher
Greg Marlowe
Alice Macchi
Dinnie Light
Julia Olf
Kathleen Clark
Janell Mullen (planning consultant)



The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Janell Mullen, planning consultant, to the Falls Village Affordable Housing Plan (AHP) Task Team. Each member gave a brief introduction and stated what other organizations or Commissions they are representing and what brought them to serve on the committee. Mullen provided a brief introduction to the legislation (8-30j) that requires that every municipality in the state adopt an Affordable Housing Plan, to be updated every five(5) years.

Mullen reviewed the slides she had prepared for the meeting. She referenced the [State Guidelines](#), which suggests what a Housing Plan should contain. They may include an overview of the following:

- Existing Affordable Housing
- Plan of Conservation & Development
- & other housing related studies

Mullen mentioned communicating with the Department of Housing (DOH) regarding the suggested content of the housing plans. The lead planner of DOH had acknowledged that not all strategies for housing (for example accessory apartments) will count towards the state definition of affordable housing. Mullen reviewed the state definition of affordable housing.

Mullen suggested that the working group meet once a month for approximately nine (9) months to develop a housing plan. The next meeting will be March 3, 2021 at 7 PM. The second meeting will involve a data assessment which will provide a basis for the housing needs within the town. The NHCOCG has posted all meeting information and additional resources onto the following site: <https://northwesthillscog.org/canaan-housing-plan/>. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted in draft form by Janell Mullen, to be reviewed on 3/3 by the AHP Task Team.