

GOSHEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Goshen Town Hall

March 13, 2025

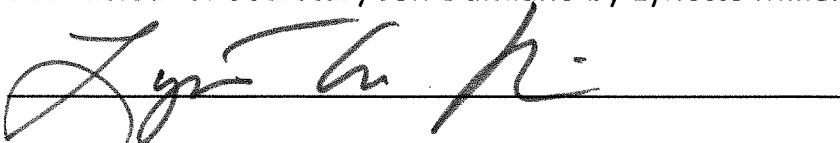
Attendance: Lynette Miller, Russ Hurley, Peter Kujawski

Excused: Jeff Damiano, Mike Esposito, Adam Andrusia

Meeting called to order by Chairman Miller at 6:00 PM:

1. Attendance was documented as noted above, no seating of an alternate, however a quorum of three was present.
2. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2025 meeting by R. Hurley, second L. Miller, passed, yeas were 2 and one abstention by P Kujawski.
3. Correspondence was presented (attached), no grants available to assist in amending Affordable Housing Plans. No discussion.
4. New Business: It was agreed that we will verify effective dates for counting housing units which qualify as Affordable Housing by the State of CT, including CHFA and USDA mortgaged homes. We received housing numbers from the Goshen Housing Trust Inc, along with the income limits these renters fall into upon response to our second request. We will be able to assign HUE points to these units as well.
5. Old business:
 - a) Further discussion regarding available parcels in Goshen for construction of housing will be pending M. Esposito's return.
 - b) There was continued review of other town's Land Use explanations on Affordable Housing and cgs 8-30g. We are preparing information for Goshen residents. There was extensive discussion on the completion of a document that can be posted to the town website allowing Goshen's residents to be adequately informed on these matters prior to survey and a public hearing regarding the amended Affordable Housing Plan. It was agreed that the better residents understand CT state mandates, the better able our town will be able to choose and support various types of housing in our town.
 - c) Peter K will be preparing definitions of health and safety as utilized by the appeals process so residents can better understand how and why developers can use 8-30g to override local Planning and Zoning Commissions
- 6) Other business: There was no other business.
- 7) Motion to adjourn at 6:53 PM by P. Kujawski, second by R. Hurley, unanimous.

Submitted for Secretary Jeff Damiano by Lynette Miller:



Received March 24, 2025 9:10 P.M.

Attest 
Goshen Town Clerk

Grants

4 messages

Lynette Miller <lynettemiller622@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 7 at 6:55 AM

To: Jocelyn Ayer <jocelyn@thehousingcollective.org>

Cc: <sbetter@northwesthillscog.org>, Todd Carusillo <1stselectman@goshenct.gov>, <solson@goshenct.gov>, <dkinsella@goshenct.gov>, <joncarrollforPandZ@gmail.com>

Bcc: <jdamiano109@gmail.com>, <ptkujawski@gmail.com>, <hogger91471@gmail.com>, Mike Esposito <mesposito8@aol.com>, <a_andrusia@yahoo.com>

Dear Jocelyn:

I hope this message finds you and your family well. I'm contacting you on behalf of the town of Goshen. We are interested in determining if there are any State of Connecticut grants available to assist with the process of amending our Affordable Housing Plan. We still need to perform a statistically valid survey of a valid sample size of town residents which was not previously accomplished and we are looking to determine the available remaining land parcels. The remainder of amending the existing plan does not call for much, if nothing, in the way of expending funds.

Sarah Better of NWCOG referred our First Selectman to you via a January email that has come to my attention. Please let us know if you are aware of any funding avenues and/or any contacts we should be aware of within the State of Connecticut.

As always, thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

Best regards,
Lynette

Lynette Miller, Chairman
Goshen Affordable Housing Plan Committee

Lynette Miller <lynettemiller622@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 7 at 7:02 AM

To: <sbetter@northwesthillscog.org>

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Good morning Sarah. I'm forwarding the email below which was sent to Jocelyn Ayer this morning. After I sent my email request to you yesterday I became aware of your referral to Jocelyn. There is no need to reply unless you have identified any additional resources in the interim. Thank you for your time.

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Jocelyn Ayer <jocelyn@thehousingcollective.org>

Mon, Mar 10 at 2:52 PM

To: Lynette Miller <lynettemiller622@gmail.com>

Cc: <sbetter@northwesthillscog.org>, Todd Carusillo <1stselectman@goshenct.gov>, <solson@goshenct.gov>, <dkinsella@goshenct.gov>, <joncarrollforPandZ@gmail.com>

Dear Lynette- There are no State of Connecticut grants that I am aware of that are available to assist with the process of amending or updating municipal affordable housing plans.

Best, Jocelyn

Jocelyn Ayer

Director

Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity

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On Fri, Mar 7, 2025 at 6:56 AM Lynette Miller <lynettemiller622@gmail.com> wrote:
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Lynette Miller <lynettemiller622@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 10 at 3:44 PM

To: Jocelyn Ayer <jocelyn@thehousingcollective.org>

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Jocelyn:

Thank you for the information. I just wanted to run this by you since it was brought to my attention that there may be some funding sources available.

Best regards,

Lynette

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