

**PUBLIC HEARING
LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, September 6, 2022 ~ 5:00 p.m.
Litchfield Firehouse, 258 West Street**

Call to Order: First Selectman Denise Raap called the public hearing to order at 5:03 p.m. with Selectmen Jeffrey Zullo, Christine Harding and Jodiann Tenney present. Jonathan Tarrant was absent.

Discuss Affordable Housing Plan: D. Raap explained the grant of \$14,900 received to meet the statutory requirement of adopting an affordable housing plan. An extension has been granted until November 1, 2022. Jocelyn Ayer, the Planner, has been working with the Affordable Housing Steering Committee to produce a plan. C. Harding asked why apartment opportunities are not more readily available here, as 50% of the survey responders thought rental housing would be better. D. Raap noted we do have 4.8% affordable housing in Litchfield, which is higher than most peer communities. A lot of apartments that used to be rented are now used as Air B&B's. J. Zullo, member of the Litchfield Housing Trust, said they only hold four apartments, and it is more difficult to maintain them. Finding new properties is difficult because of the cost of land and cost of sewer and water, if available, that renders the properties unaffordable. C. Harding and J. Tenney thought this plan was very well done. Kate Honan asked about moving the Public Works Department to the Recycling Center and using the property on Russell Street for building apartments. D. Raap said it would cost millions of dollars.

It was agreed to table adoption of the affordable housing plan until Jocelyn Ayer attends the September 20th meeting.

Adjournment: Motion: J. Zullo moved to close the public hearing at 5:21 p.m. C. Harding seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.



Denise Raap
First Selectman