

Town of North Canaan
Housing Steering Committee
February 2, 2022

Present: Jocelyn Ayer, Charlie Perotti, Mike Pallone, Ashleigh Bergenty, Marybeth Wabrek, Wil Perotti,

Jocelyn called the meeting to order at 5:33pm

Bob Whelan from Habitat for Humanity spoke to the group about their status in North Canaan. Currently there are 2 homes, one on New High Street, and one at 320 Salisbury Road. They were gifted land on Salisbury Road, and it was divided into 3 building lots. They are hoping to commence soon on building at 324 Salisbury Rd., and 322 Salisbury Rd., There is one prepared lot thus far, they need to do septic but there is town water there. They are looking to open the family selection on March 1. There was a discussion of what the process is and how they choose the families. They try to pick a family that needs the most help. Homes stay affordable in perpetuity. Habitat retains ownership of the land. Income limit is approximately \$60,000 for a family of 3. Habitat can structure the term of the loan for the client to whatever works for the affordability formula. Bob explained the different ways that they fund raise and get volunteers. The committee asked Bob to attend the forum.

Jocelyn shared the draft invitation with the commission. She went thru the slides to show the structure of the forum. Jocelyn will explain to people in attendance at the forum what it is the group is doing and why and explain the state's position. Wangum Village is for seniors and disabled individuals. Decision was made to add at least a few minutes of Ted Perotti's video to the slides before the survey results. Ayrslea will help with the chat feature during the forum. People are being asked to register for the forum.

The forum flyer will be shared at the Selectman's Meeting, with the newspapers, radio. Mr. Wil Perotti stated he will share with the EDC. It will be put on Facebook – Northwest Corner Chatter and the Emergency Management pages.

To date we have received 80 responses from the survey. Some of the comments are interesting. Jocelyn explained that towns with a robust email list faired better with responses.

Jocelyn will get the link for the worker survey to send to employers in town and ask them to send out to their employees.

Forum Feb 28, 2022– make sure you register.

Next meeting March 2, 2022 5:30 . The agenda will focus on what we want the housing plan to focus on.

Comments from the survey results will not be shared at the forum.

Meeting ended 6:26pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary