

Town of North Canaan
Housing Steering Committee
June 20, 2022, 7:00pm via zoom

Present: Jocelyn Ayer, First Selectman Charlie Perotti, Dalton Jacquier, MaryBeth Wabrek

Ms. Ayer began the meeting at 7:04pm by ensuring that everyone had a chance to review the plan she had sent out. She is looking for a picture of the committee and a cover photo. She will request other photos from the committee.

In regard to the timeline ideally, we should have the completed draft that everyone is comfortable with by the end of the month. Ms. Ayer spoke with the Zoning Enforcement Officer about speaking at the July Planning and Zoning meeting. Selectman Perotti will check with him. Other individuals could be invited for in-person feedback at the meeting. Selectman Perotti will speak with the EDC chair about attending. Selectman Perotti will not be at the meeting on the 11th, but the Board of Selectman's meeting is on the 12th. He will mention the plan that night as well and see if there is any feedback at that time as well. The plan will eventually have to be brought before the Board of Selectman for adoption hopefully in August or September.

There was discussion of 1 more survey online and on paper with a link for the draft plan so people can review it, give feedback and hopefully consider volunteering. Would it be possible to have a booth at Railroad Days to pass out a flyer or something like that?

Ms. Ayer will follow up with Will Perotti on whether EDC would be interested in meeting with some of the local employers and seeing what their housing needs are.

There is a committee that is working on the AARPA funding and putting together a plan for fund distribution.

There was a discussion of the North Canaan Housing Authority. There is 4 board members. Creating a housing committee will ensure the plan moves forward. If a committee is not formed, we will have to find someone else to do all of these things. Ideally at least 5 volunteers would be great.

Next steps: Planning and Zoning Meeting on July 11. Board of Selectman on July 12. It would be helpful to have EDC come to the Board off Selectman meeting to discuss some of the items that have been tasked to them and get their feedback. Ms. Ayer will create a 4-question survey with a link to the plan and we will get it out to newspapers, social media, at Railroad Days etc.

There will be no meeting of this committee on July 6. Instead we will focus on the meetings for the 11th and 12th, unless something else comes up.

Next meeting will be August 3 at 7:00pm. At that time, we will consider all the feedback and see what we want to incorporate in the plan. Then we will hopefully have a final draft to go to the Selectman for adoption at their September meeting.

Meeting ended at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary