

Hartford Ad-Hoc Committee on Emergency Shelter

03/04/21 Meeting Minutes - 5:00 PM

Committee Attendance: Simon Dennis, Becca White, Tracy Yarlott-Davis, Tom Peltier, Dan Fraser, Bryan Luikart, Jon Chaffee,

Dan Fraser called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM and took attendance.

Becca moved passage of the minutes of 2/17/21 and 2/3/21. Bryan seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Subgroup Reports:

Utilities and Permitting Subgroup

After some preliminary remarks Simon reported that we had received the Project Review Form from Rick Oberkirch. This form indicated that the property at 616 Old River Road would require an Act 250 review process because there is an existing Act 250 permit that would need to be amended. Upon learning this, Jon Chaffee and Simon began doing some calculations and discovered that supposing 20 units of 60 sq', and a project cost of 600,000, the price per square foot of living space would be \$500, making this project an uncompetitive housing solution and a dubious platform to raise the money. After reflecting on this, it was put forward that we may not have found the best piece of land to move forward with.

The discussion pivoted at this point to discuss piece of property that had been previously discussed: 100 Arboretum Lane. The advantages of this property are that it is (apparently) owned by the Town of Hartford. The disadvantages include that it is mostly covered with wetlands, that it is surrounded by land that may be slated for future development, and that the water rights to the sewage capacity of the sewage pump have all been allocated. There may also be some pushback from the Aquatic Center.

It was agreed that we would study the sewage capacity more and that Dan Fraser would reach out to the Director of the Aquatic Center. And that Simon would reach out to the State Wetland Administrator, Rebecca Chalmers.

The next meeting will take place on March 18th at 5:00 PM.

Please use the same link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82983528488> to access the meeting.

Bryan moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:52. Jon seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Simon Dennis, Committee Secretary