



SECHA Board of Directors Meeting
May 14, 2021
8:30 AM

Conducted by Zoom Conference

Draft Minutes

Attendees: Norton Wheeler, Pam Days-Luketich, Bob Fusari, Mark Oefinger, Dave Stanland, Fred Allyn III, Susy Hurlbert, Julie Savin, Les King, Jim Butler, Amanda Kennedy, Carly Holzschuh.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

2. Approve March 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the March 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Oefinger, Allyn). So voted unanimously.

3. Financial Report

Ms. Kennedy presented the financial report. Department of Housing grants have affected our ability to spend down SECHA grants and we have asked for extensions on grants where needed.

MOTION: To approve the financial report (Fusari, Oefinger). So voted unanimously.

4. Status of Board Memberships

July will be the annual meeting for membership. The members who are up for re-election to the class of 2024 are Les King, Deb Monahan, Susy Hurlbert, and Paul Formica. Officers will also be re-elected, with current officers being Norton Wheeler (President), Pam Days-Luketich (Vice-President), Jim Butler (Treasurer), and John Bolduc (Secretary). Mr. Butler, Mr. Bolduc, and Mr. Oefinger will act as the nominating committee. Mr. Butler suggested that as Senator Paul Formica cannot attend meetings, that we should invite a legislator that will be an active member, and will work with the nominating committee to identify prospects.

5. Updates:

a. Local Affordable Housing Plans

Ms. Kennedy presented that of our local Affordable Housing Plans: North Stonington has a draft plan; Salem is ready for adoption soon; Franklin is on track to adopt; and Bozrah, Lebanon, and Sprague efforts are stalled. In our region, Groton and Stonington have hired private consultants. As many towns in our region have not yet started the AHP process, Ms. Kennedy suggested that one of our workplan items could be to go back to those towns and present new work items. Ms. Hulbert suggested that instead of or in addition to SECHA going town to town, that we hold one virtual forum. General discussion about how to best engage the public.

b. Legislative Proposals Regarding Housing

Ms. Kennedy said that there has not been much movement on legislative proposals, and that by the July meeting there should be more to discuss.

c. COVID Response Activities

Ms. Kennedy shared that the steering committee is still meeting, but that subcommittees have been suspended until we have better direction.

6. SECHA FY 2022 Workplan

Ms. Kennedy said that we have grant funds that need to be spent down by December 31st, which will allow SECHA to reapply for grants in January. Possible workplan would include another round of town outreach and an affordable housing lookbook. Ms. Hurlbert suggested a regional forum. Some discussion of another tour of affordable housing projects in July and/or August, with media outlets invited. Mr. Oefinger, Ms. Savin, Ms. Hurlbert, and Ms. Kennedy will convene to discuss planning a tour.

7. New Business

No new business.

8. Due to members being out of town on vacation, July 23rd, 2021 at 8:30 AM was suggested as the new date for the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.