SHERMAN HOUSING COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 15, 2018  5:00 PM
Mallory Town Hall

Members Present: B. Hoag K. Harrison, H. Bray, C. Faure, T. Hollander, B. Ackerman,
Members Absent: D. Tuck, F. Copsidas
Also: D. Lowe,
Call to Order: B. Hoag called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM
Approval of Minutes:
No meeting scheduled for August.
Motion to approve July 23 minutes
Seconded by B. Hoag
Vote for: unanimous
Correspondence: None
Old Business:
Barbara Ackerman reported on housing projects in Southbury. Key points she mentioned were:

1. Sq footage of the units most desired were at least 1000 sq ft
2. Secure a parcel of land large enough to allow for future units
3. Obtain commitments from interested parties even if the commitment isn’t for immediate use
4. include in the p&z regulations for the project:
   —commission control over building project/costs
   —specific control over expansion of units
   —condo regs allowing for rental and providing outside maintenance

Don Lowe reported that town property located American Pie was available for a housing project

Kathleen Harrisons reported that Westchester Modular Homes provided suggested two story housing configurations. Designs were distributed and discussed. Further that modular homes would likely not be significantly less costly to construct than conventional construction methods.

New Business:
Bruce Hoag reported that the September meeting seemed to highlight areas of common agreement.
- Research and recommend housing in a “cluster” setting for Sherman seniors who want it (can afford it) or need it (need help)
- Research the cost of a building configuration of about 12 units with garages and a central gathering building
- The project to be financed privately
- Employ a legal structure that enables and encourages philanthropic participation
- Re-investigate the property previously turned down

What's Next:

Bruce Hoag was asked to contact Lesley Higgins-Biddle, Senior Program Officer, Connecticut Statewide Program, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and ask her to come to the next meeting November 26.

Bruce Hoag to contact Beth Trott regarding the number of seniors in Sherman who would be interested in Senior Housing.

Adjournment:

B. Hoag moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM
K. Harrison seconded the motion
Meeting was unanimously adjourned

The next meeting will be November 26 2018 at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted
Bruce Hoag