

TOWN OF BRANFORD
AFFORDABLE HOUSING STEERING COMMITTEE
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MEETING MINUTES
AFFORDABLE HOUSING STEERING COMMITTEE

Monday November 29, 2021

Meeting Held at the Church Street Community Center
7:00 P.M.

- **Meeting Called to Order** at 7:10pm.
- **Roll Call:**
 - **Members Present:**
 - Maryanne Amore, Rita Berkson, Joseph Chadwick, Stephanie Farber, Robert Imperato, Peter Cimino
 - **Members Not Present:**
 - Leroy Perry
 - **Staff Present:**
 - Evan Breining, Assistant Town Planner
 - Harry Smith, Town Planner
 - **Others Present:**
 - Glenn Chadler, Consultant
- Glenn Chadler gave the committee an update on the survey, discussing how the survey worked, what he hoped to conclude from the final week of the survey. He plans to present the results to the committee at the next meeting. Mr. Chadler then began discussing the possible housing strategies. Maryanne Amore asked about the age restricted housing district. Town Planner Harry Smith explained that this district is only within 1,000 feet of Town Hall and has age minimum of 55 years. The Committee then discussed the different categories of affordable housing, the options that Branford residents have given the town's proximity to New Haven and the relationship between The New Haven Housing Authority, which is a county wide organization, and affordable housing units they operate in the Town of Branford. Robert Imperato state that the committee would have to be careful because they are not governed by the town. Glen Chadler stated that it sounds like the committee would be in favor of the formation of entity, and the scope and role of this entity would be determined later. He then reviewed the functions of a housing trust fund that should be established. Robert Imperato asked if the housing authority should look for land to develop for affordable housing. Harry Smith stated the formation of a "housing trust fund" has already been approved, however the details of how this fund will be used has to be determined. Glen Chadler posited that the4 affordable housing plan should also address special housing needs such as emergency shelters, or homelessness. Next, Glen Chadler asked the committee if there are specific locations that would be most appropriate for affordable housing. Peter Cimino stated that the mobile home or community parks do not have the best conditions and could be a possible location for affordable housing.
- **Other Business**

- The Committee collectively scheduled their next meeting to be held on Monday December 13th, 2021 at 4:00PM to be held in the Town Hall Basement Conference Room.

- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm