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Scarborough Housing Alliance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 23, 2024 - Hybrid Meeting

[Scarborough Town Hall – 6:00pm]

Item 1. Call to Order. B. Shumway, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Item 2. Those Present. Bryan Shumway – Chair, Bill Donovan, Bob Nadeau and Bill Shanahan. Also present: Thomas J. Hall, Town Manager and Jean-Marie Caterina, Council Liaison (Via Zoom).

Absent: Eric Boucher, Leroy Crockett and Micaela Sargent.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes: August 28, 2024. Motion by B. Shanahan, seconded by B. Donovan, to move approval of the August 28, 2024, meeting minutes.

Vote: 4 Yeas. Motion Passes.

Item 4. Discussion: Affordable Housing Program - Rental Option

There was Committee discussion around if a home in the Affordable Housing Program could be used as rental. B. Shanahan, referenced a handout that he had provided which indicated that the simple answer was yes, these could be converted to rental properties. He noted that in the agreement it mentions in one section it talks about the owner occupancy requirement and in another section it talks about the conversion to rental property, in the event the town allows the property to be converted. There is also a legal question regarding agreements with what individual homeowners recorded against their deeds.

The Committee discussed the following: developing a policy that ideally ensures consistency that every request would be considered against the same standards; workforce housing, and definitions in Chapter 405 – Zoning Ordinance.

Item 5. Discussion: Portland Housing Authority.

The Committee discussed the two properties that the Portland Housing Authority was interested in, with one of the properties having the potential of a joint meeting with the Town Council and the Planning Board in late December. That property being the old Marsh Restaurant on Route One. The Committee discussed the proposed use for this location. This would require to go through the contact zone process. Further discussion ensued.

Item 5. Public Comment. None at this time.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Councilor Caterina thanked everyone for all the work that you are doing on affordable housing. This will be my last meeting as a Town Councilor and that Mr. Donovan would be back as the Council Liaison. She was hoping to be back to serve on a couple of boards.

Item 6. Adjournment. Motion by B. Shanahan, seconded by B. Donovan, to move approval to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 4 Yeas. Motion Passes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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