

Town of Red Hook Housing Committee

Minutes – Meeting of April 24, 2023

Committee Members Present: Adrienne Truscott, Vicki Hickman, Michael Cole, Hart Migdal, Hayden Sartoris, Audrey Unson, Trish Dantzic

Liaisons: Julia Solomon, Jacob Testa

Guests: n/a

Regrets: Aisha Keller, Patricia Stewart

Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the March 27, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

Updates

Trish paired down HUD Glossary of Affordable Housing terms shared by Michael- there's more work to be done to determine local definitions of terms for Red Hook. Other discussion included: impacts of long and short-term rentals (STRs) on local housing stock, Habitat for Humanity in NY State (there are limited projects due to assessments), Dutchess County Housing Needs Assessment report affordability gaps (relatively small in Red Hook compared to AMI and other parts of the county).

Subcommittee Discussion

Hart reviewed the subcommittees established at the 3/27 meeting and asked the group about establishing focused goals for each. Hayden is interested in supporting them with research. Trish suggested using mission/objectives to determine goals, and that strategies would come from researching methods to achieve goals in the local context. Michael proposed asking the Town Board for a hypothesis to investigate. The group discussed identifying a list of specific conditions around housing and housing affordability in the area and researching methods/best practices to address them. No specific approach was determined and the group had to move to the next agenda item.

Town Board Presentation 4/26/2023

Hart outlined the draft presentation to the board. The presentation will summarize the committee's first 6 months: introductions, work and research done so far. Committee discussed how to ask the Board for questions/input that will focus the work. Key areas needed are community outreach guidance and narrowing the scope of the committee's research.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be Monday, May 22, 2023 at 6:00pm at Town Hall. The committee meets monthly on the fourth Monday.