

PUBLIC NOTICE

Affordable Housing Commission – Regular November Meeting WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

Charlestown Town Hall, Annex Conference Room, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, Rhode Island

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CALL TO ORDER.

2. ROLL CALL. The Secretary will call the roll, confirming the status of terms and appointments. An updated member contact sheet will be provided to members.

3. MINUTES. Review and approval of minutes of meetings held on May 24, September 20 (deferred from prior meeting) and October 25, 2023.

4. COMMUNICATIONS.

a) Memo to Town Council – 11-6-2023: as authorized at the October 25 meeting of the AHC, requesting:

- the timely review of ADU permit applications,
- amendment of the Zoning Ordinance to bring its ADU provisions into compliance with the state enabling act, and
- amendment of the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADUI) ordinance to provide for the annual registration and reporting of LMIH-qualified ADU units as laid out in **RIGL 45.24.75.**

b) RI Housing LMIH 2022. RIH's draft 2022 Low and Moderate Income Housing chart for the Town of Charlestown, and copies of the 2021 chart for comparison; brief review and analysis (deferred from October.)

c) Letter from Churchwoods tenant. Reporting rent increases effective December 1, at nearly double his previous rent, purportedly based on "new HUD guidelines".

5. NEW BUSINESS.

a) Town Council Liaison's Report. Information on:

- the status of ordinance updates with regard to ADU's and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- Affordable Housing initiatives in other RI communities, and
- State funding opportunities for LMIH

b) Chairman's Report. The Chair will report on the preparation of an AHC reference binder in both digital or paper format, and recent Letter to the Editor re ADU's.

c) Commission's statutory role in support of affordable housing. The Commission will address the need for timely notification of: funding opportunities; proposed legislation; and LMIH projects that are under review for permitting, or on appeal.

d) Assignments. Commission members may commit to undertake an independent study or task of interest to the Commission, and request input or advice from the remaining members.

6. OLD BUSINESS.

a) Affordable H.O.M.E.S. initiative. The Commission will review the Commission's 2013 *Affordable H.O.M.E.S. initiative* and evaluate its current applicability for potential referral and action.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT.

8. NEXT MEETING. December 20, 2023

10. ADJOURNMENT.

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