



**Housing Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

PRESENT: Steven Parrinello John C. Kelly, David Rintoul,

GUESTS: Calla Fankhanel, Joanna Daversa

A. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm

B. Public Comment
None

Approval of Minutes from August 9th: Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve, Mr. Rintoul seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Actions and Discussion

C. Committee Activity

- The committee received comments from two residents of Avalon, Calla Fankhanel and Joanna Daversa. Residents informed committee of large increase in rents on renewals this fall. Ms. Fankhanel and Ms. Davera reviewed the resident base at Avalon which ranges from young families to retirees and that they are seeing a lot of people leave the rental community (and Wilton) due to the increase in rents. These residents were moving to Norwalk, Trumbull and Shelton for lower cost.
- Ms. Fankhanel and Ms. Davera brought up the Wilton POCD and how the town is addressing housing affordability and had concerns that renters aren't represented. They would like to the town to have further oversight on housing as part of the P&Z process.
- Committee discussion related to the next steps on the town owned parcels
 - Coordinating a meeting with town counsel
 - Future discussions with BOS and Michael Wrinn on any pre-development funds available for initial site plans/analysis. Mr. Kelly brought up that other towns

have affordable housing funds that charge fees to new development to be used for the above purpose.

- Committee reviewed P&Z pre-applications
 - Discussion of Girl scout property into 9 apartments. P&Z deferred final vote pending a few items. Given size of development there was no mention of affordability in P&Z meeting. Committee was in favor of the development even though it lacked affordability requirement as it further enhances housing stock in a section of Wilton that has limited rental apartments.
 - Mr. Rintoul proposed reaching out to developers on Godfrey Place, 331 Danbury Rd and 5-21 River Rd on how each development intends to address affordability/unit diversity. Mr. Parrinello and Mr. Kelly agreed on the approach and will await feedback after those calls.
 - Mr. Kelly noted that Cannon Rd project was coming back to P&Z and that a new project at the site of the Wilton Baptist church was to be added to the docket.

E. Member Comments

No additional comments.

F. Public Comment

None

G. Adjournment

As there was no other business, motion to adjourn at 6:37 pm was made by Mr. Parrinello, seconded by Mr. Kelly, and carried 3-0

Respectfully Submitted
Steven Parrinello