

Minutes of the Lewisboro Housing Committee (LHC) Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 – 6PM via Zoom

Present: Co-chairs Linda Press Wolfe and Linda Rae; Town Board Liaison Dan Welsh; Members Nedda Schoenfeld, and Karen Conti; Guests: Adam Ochs and Barbara Mangione.

I. LHC Site Visit to Lewisboro Commons

Co-chair has arranged a site visit for LHC members. Building 5, which includes the common property amenities, will be near completion. Buildings 1-4 expected to be fully occupied by spring 2023.

II. LHC Members to View Other Housing Models

A discussion followed regarding other affordable housing models. Examples noted offer very diverse housing models. Members were encouraged to visit the housing websites as well as possibly drive by to view the building exteriors. Some housing examples noted are currently occupied, thus an interior site visit is unlikely unless the occupant grants permission. Discussions to be continued with an eye toward how each type might or might not be appropriate for Lewisboro's affordable housing.

One example was 55+ senior housing. It was pointed out that in light of recent studies, Lewisboro may prefer mixed-age housing.

III. Website Update

Members have been working on a draft to update the LHC page on the Town's website. A discussion ensued regarding how to improve on the current website page. Suggestions included simplifying and clarifying the wording, with an eye toward creating a "Lewisboro-centric" site, and providing a clear and concise explanation of the differences between middle-income and Westchester managed affordable housing.

IV. Oakridge Housing Survey

There continue to be small number of residents of the Middle Income units at Oak Ridge who have not returned the annual survey mandated by the Lewisboro Housing Code. LHC will continue its outreach efforts and encourage occupants to comply.

V. Steering Committee Open House

There will be an in-person meeting on Jan 21, 2023 in the John Jay HS Cafeteria to discuss Lewisboro's Comprehensive Plan. Virtual meetings will follow, as will hamlet-specific meetings later in the year.

VI. Governor Hochul's "Compact" and its potential mandates or implications on municipal housing were briefly discussed. This is an item to watch as legislation is introduced and passed in NYS.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Next meeting of the LHC is Tuesday, February 21, 6PM, via Zoom