

Housing Committee Meeting Minutes: 12:30 pm February 12th, 2021 via Zoom

Attendees: Joe K., Pam Dearborn, Patricia Janssen, Alice Kitchel, Ron Steen, Patrick Shattuck, Susan Cherry

Committee Mission: "To support economic growth by improving the overall quality of residential and commercial properties in St. Johnsbury."

Rental Housing Improvement Incentive Program:

The group performed a final review of the 2021 program documents and deadlines. Applications will be available from March through April. Awards will be announced on June 1st, 2021.

The Committee reviewed the RHGP presentation for the February 22nd, 2021 Select Board meeting. At this meeting, the Housing Committee will request \$20,000 to fund the 2021 program.

The 2021 Application Review Committee members are Patricia Janssen, Patrick Shattuck, Irene Nagle, Ron Steen, and Alice Kitchel.

Regenerative Housing:

Joe & Irene will be meeting with NFC in March to discuss the potential for a workforce housing project in St. Johnsbury. Joe and Irene will provide an update at the March meeting.

Other Business:

Landlord Information Exchange- Susan C. discussed the Landlord Information Exchange and how best to get landlords more involved? The group discussed a Landlord Newsletter as an option. The group agreed that this was a good idea, primarily due to COVID-19 constraints. The group discussed whether the newsletter could be a component of an existing newsletter distributed by the Restorative Justice Center or an independent newsletter? The group agreed that an independent quarterly newsletter would be a great place to start. Susan agreed to take the lead on the newsletter and asked the Committee members to send content to her.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm. Minutes submitted by JK.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2021, at 12:30 pm via Zoom.