

1. Call to Order - meeting start time **7:06pm**
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call - Names of members (*Write Absent or Present*)
 - a. Roz Stengle - Present
 - b. Sara Bayer - Present
 - c. Philip Mones - Present
 - d. Sophie Grant - Present
 - e. Vickie Starr - Present
4. Greetings to any audience members. Make introductions.
5. Review of Housing Resource MeetUp Event - Roz

→Attendees (Howard + Marjorie widenskr) interested in building a few apartment buildings. Went to town board who recommended Cluster Housing, which is not an option because of frontage, but they're hoping to build in the spring. Nov 22 Planning Board Meeting Rejected plans. They will have a workshop with the Planning Board this Wednesday October 25th.

6. *Term of the month**: **Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)** is a private nonprofit, community-based organization that has staff with the capacity to develop affordable housing for the community it serves.
 - a. Most efforts to raise funds or develop affordable housing involve work from a CHDO (*think RUPCO, Mark Project, The Hunter Foundation*) to apply, manage, and administer grant funds, as well as do research, outreach, and maintain properties. Without a CHDO, we have little bandwidth and skills to pursue projects.
 - b. We can apply for various funding opportunities through the municipality, but all the same work ultimately needs to be done to properly execute initiatives, and our town doesn't have the people power.
 - c. Current options appear to be: Do we lobby for MARK to annex Shandaken, do we reinvigorate SHARP, or do we think of some completely different approach. Do we have time to properly investigate all three?

*Interested in learning more terminology? [Check out this glossary from Hudson Valley Affordable Housing and Conservation Strategy](#)

Howard: How can we build more with the constraints we have here?

- lots we can do to develop the existing land
 - multi family zoning, adus etc

Ideal CHDO Scenarios:

- Would love to have a group specifically focused on the constraints of Catskill Park
- Could we help support the formation of a satellite group of RUPCO or some other org that then spins out?
- RUPCO mentioned that they have some fixed costs regardless of the size of the project, which is tough for us because we are mostly small scale! Is there something we can do to alleviate some of that?
 - Scattered sites is the typical approach where there are a bunch of buildings under one pro forma

Howard notes that townhouses don't require sprinklers but apartments do, which is tough without water.

7. Revisiting our top priorities per Housing Smart Communities action plan:

- upzoning and mandatory affordable housing
- housing sites inventory and rehabilitation
- support development of ADUs
- Apply to work with county consultants on all of the above
- Contribute language, data, and vision to comprehensive plan committee
- Ongoing communications and resource sharing

Which of these areas are you (committee member) most interested to work on? Perhaps it's worth it to divide and conquer certain items so we can have less broad/daunting goals overall, and use our collective time and brain power to report back findings to one another and provide progress updates. I see opportunities for immediate action, and opportunities for longer term/longer lead work (i.e. the consultants).

Roz to ask Joyce for development patterns - (3 and 5)

8. Other new business -

a. **Mohonk Consulting Event: Room Enough For Both -**

- i. November 13th conference:
https://s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/rpa-org/pdfs/REFB-flyer_f.pdf
- ii. Learn more about Hudson Valley Affordable Housing and Conservation Strategy
– <https://s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/rpa-org/pdfs/HV-Affordable-Housing-Conservation-Strategy-Orientation-Presentation.pdf>

- b. **Housing Smart Communities Forum:** This meeting will be an opportunity for the Housing Smart Community Coordinators and Housing group members across the county to meet, share and discuss their work, and help us strategize about the future of the Housing Smart Communities Initiative. We are looking to

schedule this for November 2023. Waiting to hear confirmation from Kai Lord Farmer.

- c. **Christopher Frey of People USA** to put us in touch with **Logan**, the local peer advocate for this region. Peer services from People USA are free and open to anyone. They help advocate, find resources, assist with transportation to appointments, medicaid billing and medicare management, and more.
9. Communications
 - a. Facebook page - group/admin/graphics/etc
 - b. Shandakenhousing@gmail.com
 10. Other action items
 - Roz to talk to Joyce about Development Patterns from Comp Plan
 - Each member to reflect on item 7 and consider which topics they may like to deep dive on
 - Facebook group or page? Bring thoughts for next time
 11. Motion to close the meeting. End of meeting 08:33pm