



# East Greenwich Affordable Housing Commission

**Friday, March 31, 2023 at 3:00 PM**

**IN-PERSON MEETING**

**DPW Conference Rm., 111 Peirce St., East Greenwich, RI 02818**

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Attendance: S. Aitcheson, D. Bassen, D. Dufault, A. Tovar, P. Rodgers

Staff: Christina Marseglia, Al Ranaldi

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:04 by S. Aitcheson
2. A. Tovar made a motion to approve the October 14, 2022 minutes. D. Dufault seconded them and the motion passed unanimously. S. Aitcheson thanks D. Dufault for stepping in and leading the commission at the last meeting.
3. Lidia Wilding Curtin asked to give information. She is living in an affordable unit in Green St Condos. She had several comments regarding how the affordable housing deed restrictions could be improved. She was referred by M. Lodge of Housing Networks to inform this committee. S. Aitcheson suggested that she contacts RI Housing since they have the resources to listen to and consider new legislation. S. Aitcheson will send an email to staff at RI Housing regarding her comments. L. W. Curtin said that she was proceeding with attorneys to assist her situation.
4. We spent a few minutes introducing ourselves to each other.
5. The 2022 EG Affordable Housing Committee Annual Report will be put on the Town Council agenda for acceptance in the near future. A. Rinaldi is communicating with the Town Manager and Town Council.
6. A. Rinaldi presented the committee with an update regarding the status of affordable housing units in EG. We discussed their construction progress. The Town is at 4.74% at this time but the Brookside is not occupied yet. The EG Housing Authority 63 units, we believe are still proceeding. There will be a Master Plan Hearing under the Comprehensive Permit regulations on Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Planning Board for the Division Street housing development.
7. S. Aitcheson reported on the very active Legislation session where the House Speaker is supporting 14 bills in order to increase the production of housing in RI. There may be as many as 100 housing related bills proposed this session. There is a new Secretary of Housing, Stephan Pryor, who is speaking to the housing and municipal groups regarding the office's efforts for the next year. S. Aitcheson will send a link to the pdf documents. S. Aitcheson suggested that the Town staff could meet with RI Housing staff regarding seeking additional funds for affordable housing opportunities in EG.
8. S. Aitcheson reported that A. Nota requested the committee's input regarding a commission report on a new section of the Town website for Public Engagement. We agreed that posting

the most recent East Greenwich statistics page of the Housing Fact Book produced by the Housing WorksRI at RWU will provide the most current and accurate facts regarding EG. We will list the commission members and A. Rinaldi suggested that we post a quote.

9. It was proposed that the next meeting would be on April 28, 2023 at 3pm at DPW conference room.
10. There was a motion by D. Dufault to adjourn the meeting at 4:20pm. P. Rodgers seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by

Susan Aitcheson

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