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MINUTES
MEETING OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025
(ZOOM)

Attending: Jordan Branem, Kim Burkhart, Ellen Smith, Greg Sottile

The meeting was called to order at 7:36PM by Commission Chair Greg Sottile.

The minutes of the previous meeting of November 21, 2024, were reviewed. **Motion:** Kim Burkhart/Jordan Branem – Unanimous to accept the minutes.

The Commission discussed the first draft of an informational 1-sheet entitled “Programs That Make First-Time Homebuying More Affordable.” Goal 5 of Hartland’s Affordable Housing Plan 2023-2028 is to “Support affordable first-time homebuyer options in Hartland.” The Commission decided to expand the focus of this 1-sheet to include more information about refinancing programs. Commission members will continue to research refinancing programs and share them with Greg Sottile who will prepare an updated draft of the 1-sheet for review. The Commission would like to have this second draft shared with the Town’s Board of Selectmen at its next meeting. Eventually, the Commission would like to have resources such as this 1-sheet posted to the Housing Commission section of the Town’s website.

Goal 3 of the Affordable Housing Plan 2023-2028 is to “Keep residents living safely and affordably in their homes.” The Commission discussed ideas about additional information resources related to this goal and will continue discussion this at an upcoming meeting.

The Commission considered ways to build awareness of the information resources it is developing. Greg Sottile will explore with the Board of Selectmen whether an announcement of the Commission’s work can be included in an upcoming Town newsletter.

The Commission discussed the idea of a dedicated email address (e.g., HTLDHousingCommission@...) that Town residents could use to communicate with it. Greg Sottile will discuss this idea with the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Kim Burkhart/Jordan Branem – Unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory M. Sottile
Commission Chair

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