

**CHARLOTTE SELECTBOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
MEETING CONDUCTED AT TOWN HALL AND VIA TELECONFERENCE
AUGUST 3, 2020**

APPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS: Vice Chair Frank Tenney, Carrie Spear, James Faulkner, Louise McCarren, (Chair Matthew Krasnow, absent)

OTHERS: Peter Richardson, Kate Lampton

AGENDA ITEMS:

6:00 PM Affordable Housing Grant Program – work session

CALL TO ORDER

Selectboard Vice Chair Frank Tenney called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Affordable Housing Grant Program – work session

This grant is available to create affordable housing in Charlotte, Frank Tenney said. Right now there is not any incentive for anyone to apply for this grant, he said.

Carrie Spear said the program was cumbersome when it was put into place. She would like discussion on how much money the Town has to spend and how it is to be spent. She would like to know if the income paperwork required is up to date.

Frank clarified that this program was designed to create housing, not to renovate existing housing. Open Space and Conservation Agreements were mentioned as something to take note of in this discussion moving forward.

Louise McCarren said Charlotte is not the first Town to grapple with this and she suggested getting in touch with VLCT and see what other Towns have done.

Carrie said to look 200 years out and to discuss where affordable housing in Town is suitable. Frank said the exact location can't be known because there is no way to know who will apply for the grant.

James Faulkner said the issue is that a lot of good work has been done already on this grant program and there is \$120,000 set aside for this and what needs to be known is what is the best use of this money. He said he would like to hear from Peter Richardson.

Peter said certain assumptions made in the Affordable Housing Committees report were not accurate but that it is not a failed program. There is a lot of information to access on this and he will send it to the Selectboard.

Kate Lampton said that the grant program has worked, but not as smoothly as originally planned. This isn't about starting over, it is about how to make it more efficient, she said.

She suggested starting with what the committee came up with because that was their charge—they presented ideas that need to have another look.

James suggested discussing the list of items that have worked. Frank agreed and said looking at paperwork from the past would be helpful. Background history should be reviewed, he said.

James suggested making a list of successful projects and putting it on a future agenda to review. Peter said that was a good way to move forward and he will get the Selectboard the requested information.

Carrie Spear said timing is important on this. This will be discussed again in a special meeting on Aug. 17.

Adjournment

MOTION by Frank Tenney, seconded by James Faulkner, to adjourn. VOTE: 4 ayes; 1 absent (Matt Krasnow); motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Lynn Monty, Recording Secretary.