

DRAFT MINUTES
Borough of Mountain Lakes
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)
Wednesday, January 9, 2019 – 8:30 AM at Borough Hall

Attendance: Blair Schleicher Bravo, Committee Chair; Sandy Batty, Committee Member; Martin Kane, Planning Board Chair; Lauren Barnett, Mayor; Cynthia Korman, Councilwoman; Mitchell Stern, Borough Manager; Bob Oostdyk, Borough Attorney. *Members of the Public:* Stephen Shaw, Mary Joelsson, Catalina Maione, and Alexa Sydor-Czartorysky

1. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Overview – Blair

8:30 AM – Blair welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda. Those in attendance introduced themselves. Blair thanked Stephen Shaw for being a charter member of the committee and the committee Scribe, and for his many years of committee service. She wished him well as a new Morris County Freeholder. Stephen stated that he was glad to serve and would be willing to advise the committee in the future as needed. Blair also acknowledged Nancy DuTertre and Bill Barrett’s service on the committee.

2. Meeting Minutes Approval – Blair

Minutes from the October 31, 2018 and November 12, 2018 meetings were approved with minor changes.

3. Update and Status of the Mtn. Lakes’ Fair Share Plan/ Update on Morris County Fair Share Housing Settlement – Bob Oostdyk

Bob Oostdyk presented a brief historical overview of the Affordable Housing issue, including the importance of having a plan approved for the Borough. An approved plan both protects the Borough and allows the Borough to participate in a system that cooperates statewide to provide affordable housing. The Borough developed an Affordable Housing Plan based on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee’s input, which was presented to Fair Share Housing for their review. After some back and forth over the last 6 months, we have arrived at a plan that Fair Share Housing supports and that this committee supports. Borough Council will have a Resolution of support for the plan on the January 28 Council Meeting agenda.

The Borough has a date (February 22) from the Court for a hearing to get approval on the Plan. This will be followed by a second Court date for implementation of the plan. At this point, the Borough’s Planning Board will get involved, and there will need to be amendments to the Fair Share portion of the Borough’s Master Plan. There also will need to be a series of ordinances to support the implementation of the plan. One of these, an Assisted Living Zoning Change Ordinance, was discussed, introduced and adopted last year. All of these activities will involve the opportunity for public comment.

4. Committee membership for 2019 - All

The Committee discussed membership for 2019 and agreed that three new members (all called for in the committee's Resolution) should be appointed: an additional Council Member; an additional Planning Board member; and an additional member of the public.

5. Subcommittee on Accessory Apartments - Cynthia

There was discussion of a Subcommittee to be focused on Accessory Apartments and it was agreed that Cynthia Korman will Chair this Subcommittee. Other Subcommittee members will include Blair Bravo, Sandy Batty and possibly George Jackson. The Subcommittee also may identify additional members, possibly someone from the Historic Preservation Committee. The Subcommittee will meet to discuss its goals and activities, which will include drafting a plan and timeline, putting together an inventory of possible locations, incentives and education.

6. 2019 Committee Goals – All

The Committee reaffirmed the goals set out in the Committee's Resolution, with a focus on: getting final approval for the Affordable Housing Plan; implementation of the Plan; and public education.

7. League of Women Voters Panel Discussion Planning – Mary Joelsson

The Committee will work with the League of Women Voters on an educational panel discussion to inform the community about Affordable Housing issues and the current status of the Borough's Affordable Housing Plan. The Committee agreed to hold the panel discussion on Wednesday, January 23, 7:30 PM at the Mountain Lakes High School Media Room. The Panel speakers will include Blair Bravo, Sandy Batty, and one of the Borough's professionals.

8. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public

9. Next meeting

The Committee's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 8:30 AM at Borough Hall.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 AM

Submitted by: Lauren Barnett