**TOWN OF CAVENDISH PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Minutes For Regular meeting February 7, 2024 (not approved)**

**PC Members Present:** Tim Calabrese, Bruce Mcenaney, Shirley Clark, Miguel Seville, Jeff Strange, Noah Schmit, Shannon Devereux Select Board Liaison

**Members of the Public Present:** Jason Rasmussen MARC, Rebecca Fontaine, OVTV, Maureen Savage, Justin Savage, Stuart Lindberg

**Item1:** Tim C called Meeting to order at 6:50 PM

I**tem 2:** Adjust Agenda: Jason S update on Affordable Housing Study

Jason presented results of SE Group housing study. Study incorporate

pre-screening to determine suitable sites. Presented Unlocking Housing

Potential.

Tim C: Possible site on 20 ml stream road that may have some suitability.

Noah: Where do we take consolidated info, next steps?

Jason R: Start to examine specific sites and informally reach out to landowners.

Maureen S: Do booth villages have Village Designation? Jason R: Yes

Maureen S: Is potential Site on 20 mile stream Rd within Village?

Tim C: Believe so, Yes. If not very close.

Maureen S: Are Maps available?

Jason R: Yes, Vermont Smart Growth Map, Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

Noah S: Does the study look at housing needs, Number of units needed etc?

Jason R: No. Keys to the Valley Study a few years ago looked at it but didn’t put numbers to it. It was determined that many types of housing are needed, elderly, affordable etc. This plan will be updated in the future

Jeff S: Do these studies look into what's driving the lack of housing?

Jason R: Many factors including regulatory requirements, zoning, costs, lack of production of new units.

I**tem 3:** Short Term Rentals

Jeff S: Did Selectboard give us any guidance for conducting the study?

Bruce M: No Tim C: Are parameters were to look at Rental Registries and Short term Rental regulations.

**Item 4:** All Hazards Mitigation Plan

Tim C: Draft plan states that we do not have a duly adopted Town Plan. We do.

Jeff S: Are there action plans directing at how to move forward.

Noah S: How aware is the public regarding flood hazard mitigation measures.

Shirley C: Getting info out to the public can be difficult. Town should address that.

Stuart L: Lots of information online on flood preventive measures, also on the ANR website.

Tim C: Flood Prevention/mitigation packet should be attached to building permit applications.

Jeff S will present a list of proposed changes to the select board.

**Item 5:** Review Correspondence: None

**Item 6:** Continue discussion on the impacts of short term rentals on the town and short

term rental regulations. The SB has asked the PC to develop a

recommendation for the Town.

**Item 7:**New Business, Old Business: Discuss planning for open subdivision forum.,

**Item 8: Adjourn:** Bruce made the motion seconded by Shirley. Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted By:

Tim Calabrese, Chair

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