

Affordable Housing Committee Meeting Notes for April 23rd, 2025

Committee Members Present: Deb Franceschini, Lori Mazzola, Kent Rohrer, Krista Willette, Andrea Beebe and Sheryl Knapp via audio call.

Absent: Kevin Brown, Sharon Coleman, Tim Vilinskis.

Chair Deb Franceschini called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

AGENDA

1 Public Comment

2. Approval of February, 26th and April March 26th meeting minutes

3. Referral response to PNZ regarding

Application <https://ridgefieldct.portal.opengov.com/records/100229>

4. Feasibility study with state grant

5. Adjourn

1. Public Comment: None

2. Meeting Minutes Approval:

1. February 10th meeting minutes. Andrea made a motion to approve, seconded by Kent, motion passed unanimously.

2. February 26th meeting minutes. Andrea made a motion to approve, seconded by Kent, Lori abstained due to absence. Motion passed unanimously.

3. March 26th meeting minutes. Andrea made a motion to approve, seconded by Lori, motion passed unanimously.

3. Referral to PNZ on application record A-25-1: The committee reviewed a language draft to be sent to PNZ with revisions and edits. When final language for referral response was brought for a vote, Andrea made a motion to approve, Lori seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

4. Feasibility study with state grant: Debra discussed the possibility of using state DOH funds allocated to Ridgefield for the use of a feasibility study in partnership with the AHC and the Ridgefield Housing Authority. Since that project failed the funds have sat dormant in a town account. She reviewed an idea to use the said funds for a feasibility study to evaluate all town owned land and provide a very detailed stack ranking of said properties in priority of ease in development. The findings of the study would provide PNZ and the town a roadmap for development when the POCD and zoning law reviews are completed. This would allow the town have more control of development for potential public/private partnerships and other developments related to affordable housing development. There was consensus by the committee to move forward and engage appropriate approvals, resources and town stakeholder feedback to move forward with this project.

5. Motion to adjourn at 8:12pm by Lori, seconded by Kent, motion passed unanimously.

Notes Prepared by,
Chair Deb Franceschini