



# Town Of Amenia

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Mtg Minutes (via Zoom) – 09 February 21 5:30pm - Amenia Housing Board

Attended: Leo Blackman, Tracy Salladay, Jeff Barnett Winsby, Erica Doyle, Nina Peek, Damian Gutierrez, Vicki Doyle, Nathan Briggs (NECC), Kaitlin Lisle (MN) Absent: James Morris

### Discussion of agenda items:

- Housing survey and announcement postcard:** Text is final(?), Jeff ready to complete graphics. Vicki has arranged w/printer/mailer & figures 10 day turn around. So in 3.5wk (05 Mar) people should receive. Deadline to complete survey will be Fri 02 April. Leo to get exterior box for paper surveys outside town hall. Damian to update online survey & set up link from Town home page.
- Flyer drop-off locations:** Leo's noted previous list of employers, churches, etc. Should go out so arrive same time as postcard (first week in March). No volunteers to organize & distribute.
- Listening Session:** Leo asked how soon? Shall we use facilitator from PACE (Tiffany)? Nina said she had other names. Intent of Zoom to reveal results of survey & ask for comments/ discussion. Jeff felt we should begin w/introduction using TTC & HRH data to give context to need & our efforts. Visual presentation ideal – w/charts, but also images of completed high-quality projects. At end, perhaps can reach decision together - consensus. Again no volunteers to organize event.
- Committee of supporters:** Leo said Millerton organizing group for outreach – supporters from cross section of community, to advocate for aff hsg. Tracy thought idea was “smart”. Ideally organize Amenia group ahead of listening session (end April?). Do same in Amenia? Get cross section of community! Leo has list of names to start. No volunteer to start/organize.
- Further Goals/priorities:** Tracy had suggested talking to landlords re their experience (unearth units?). Also business community. Damian noted Troutbeck employees commute 40-50 mins for afford rentals. Nina offered to help Leo test vacant in-town properties re # units allowed Code allows. Also consider incentives might be required to bring developer(as in mkt-rate). Jeff talking to younger green developers. Stacy felt we should start promote AHUs. Leo asked when to next present to TB? Damian said monthly comm reports in 2021? Lack of information is problem.
- Wastewater Committee:** Leo noted Town Bd only funded grant appl, hsg survey nearly ready.



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7. **Other matters?** Leo read “Neighborhood Homes Investment Act” is being considered by Senate. Tax credit (35%) to fuel development & rehab of 500k affordable 1-fam homes. Tracy raised ADUs again – suggested types of homeowners who might be interested. Damian suggested the new Town website had newsletter function that could explain ADUs & what Zoning Law allows. Leo reminded everyone about the 7pm Millerton talk about community outreach, and stated that he’s been gives the names of a few candidates for Hsg Bd & will make a first contact.

8. **Minutes from last meeting:** Vicki moved. Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.

**Our next HB meeting is scheduled for Tue 09 March @5:30.**

Submitted by Leo Blackman, Chair