



# Town Of Amenia

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## 9<sup>th</sup> Mtg Minutes (via Zoom) – 10 November 20 5:30pm - Amenia Housing Board

Attended: Leo Blackman, Tracy Salladay, Erica Doyle, Nina Peek, P.D. Gutierrez, Vicki Doyle,  
Absent: Joy Johnson, Jeff Barnett Winsby, James Morris

### Discussion of agenda items:

1. **Housing survey and announcement postcard:** *final draft. Ready to go. Ed Frederick agreed to translate text. Jeff to design card. Vicki to set up printer/ mailing. Damian talk Dawn Marie. We'll drop post cards with employers & organizations to reach those who might not see mailing. Will indicate deadline for reply (1 month). Will set up hard copy pick up/drop off @Clerk's office.*
2. **DC Dept of Planning:** *Tracy, Damian, Vicki & Leo had call w/ Anne Saylor and 2 DCDP planners. We reviewed properties in hamlet re wetlands and possibility for new housing.*

They noted potential wetlands issues, and recommended pointing development to easiest sites.

3. **6-part LULA class affordable housing:** *Leo's been attending. Lot of useful information, and contacts amongst presenters. Sessions so far on Land Use/ Fair Hsg, Economic/ Legal/ Planng, and last wk Accessory Dwelling Units. Called "gentlest version of affordable", "low-hanging fruit" & "quickest". Maybe reconsider here? Incentives critical – regs, tax, zoning, funding.*

Tracy suggested developing pamphlet to encourage? Leo thought we might use same format as survey – postcard mailing to direct residents to detailed info on Town website. Damian liked that AHUs give autonomy to individuals to create an additional unit on their own property.

4. **Hudson River Housing - HSG Dev Fund:** *Leo & Victoria participated in mtg of TTC- Steering Comm. HRH has new capital program to assist w/securing sites, outreach & planning.*

Damian concerned about mix of public funds and private developers. Leo said intent is to quickly provide individual Towns some money to use as they see fit to advance affordable housing.

5. **Developer input:** *I'd asked Jeff & Joy to present intro to what would make a mixed/affordable housing project of interest/build-able for a developer. Both experienced, but neither available.*

Leo suggested we select a developer to invite to a future session. Discussed a few possibilities.

6. **Town Board:** *Damian suggested we present our progress. But the date, content, and speakers? Damian & Vicki suggested Thu Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> & will confirm. Leo asked if PowerPoint possible? No one familiar, but Tracy will make & send suggested agenda for discussion before then.*

7. **13 Oct Minutes:** approved unanimously. **Next HB meeting is scheduled for Tue 8 Nov @5:30.**  
Submitted by Leo Blackman, Chair