



TOWN OF AMENIA

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AMENIA HOUSING BOARD

Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2023

MINUTES ****APPROVED 6/15/23****

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Amenia Town Clerk

PRESENT: Charlie Miller (Chairperson)
Joshua Frankel (Secretary)
Jeff Barnett-Winsby (Member)
Shanon Roback (Member)
Gaye Parise (Member)
Leo Blackman (TB Liaison)

ABSENT:

Meeting opened @ 6:00pm in person at Town Hall

- Jeff motions, Gaye seconds to approve 9/4/22 and 11/6/2022 minutes. Roll Call: Unanimous Aye
- Josh motions, Shannon seconds to approve 1/8/22 minutes. Roll Call: Unanimous Aye
- Amenia has been awarded a \$150k 2023 Dutchess County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), which along with \$200,273 of ARPA funds, \$35k from the Amenia Housing Trust Fund and a \$15k Foundation for Community Health Grant, will be used for the purchase and rehabilitation of 74 Lake Amenia Road (a 3.9 acre parcel with a vacant single-family home) for the purpose of workforce / affordable rental housing. The back of the parcel was identified in the 2022 Amenia Wastewater Feasibility Study to site the treatment facility.
 - Motion: The AHB strongly supports this workforce / affordable rental housing project and the added potential to secure a site for wastewater which is foundational for workforce housing in the Amenia Hamlet and resolutely recommends the Town Board wholly commits to the project. Jeff motions, Josh seconds. Roll Call: Unanimous Aye

- We've won a \$15k grant from Foundation for Community Health, which will be put towards rehabbing 74 Lake Amenia Road.
 - Motion: The AHB supports this effort and recommends the Town Board continue forward. Jeff motions, Josh seconds. Roll Call: Unanimous Aye
- Newly announced Mid-Hudson Momentum Fund via Empire State Development will award \$150MM, min award \$2.5MM, can be used towards housing and wastewater. To be researched further.
- Discussion of the property in Amenia near the rail trail that Habitat for Humanity has interest in.
 - We will assemble a list of questions for Dutchess County Habitat for Humanity, starting with:
 - How long do families stay in these homes?
 - When they depart do they tend to sell the homes, hand them down to future generations, or other outcomes?
 - Are there mechanisms that are being used to ensure that after the homeowner sells, the home remains affordable (without unduly encumbering the homeowner's ability to benefit economically from home ownership)?
- ADUs
 - Josh will share the Model ADU Code published by accessorydwellings.org by with the group over email, with the goal of determining whether Amenia's town code already aligns to it. Perhaps we'll ask Nina to make determination about whether we adhere

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm