



TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

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Jamestown Affordable Housing Committee Minutes

May 21, 2025 at 5:00pm

Small Conference Room

93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI 02835

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:04pm and the following members were present: Bob Plain, Job Toll, Lisa Bryer, Dave Pritchard, Quaker Case, Fred Pease
Not present: Mary Meagher, Susan Gorelick, and Wayne Moore
Also present: Carrie Kolb, Richard Doyle

II. Approval of Minutes – review, discussion, and/or action and/or vote

a. April 16, 2025

A motion was moved by Toll and seconded by Case to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2025 meeting as amended. All in favor.

III. Public Comment - none

IV. Town Bond for Affordable Housing, Financial Town Meeting June 2, 2025 – Public Education - review, discussion and/or action and/or vote

1. Write a letter to the editor for Jamestown Press to educate why bond is needed.

Plain said that the Jamestown Press will publish letters to the editor but will not publish letters for candidate issues. Plain asked Tim Reil to write a story on the Affordable Housing bond and Plain, Bryer and Meagher are willing to talk to him. Plain has not heard back yet from so there is still potential.

2. Create a podcast with Susan Gorelick's Climate Café

Pritchard said that he is willing to do the podcast with Susan Gorelick in the next week.

3. Affordable Housing Bond will be the topic of the May Meeting for Climate Café

This item was not discussed.

4. Create an insert for the Jamestown Press

There is not a budget to create an insert in the Jamestown Press. A one-pager was created by Meagher and reviewed by Bryer that was distributed to the committee.

5. Get an article in the Jamestown Press

See item #1 above.

6. Have a supporter of Affordable Housing tell their story

This item was not discussed.

7. Educate/speak at Financial Town Meeting –

Discussion ensued on speaking at the Financial Town Meeting on Monday, June 2. Plain will speak about the Housing Champions Bill. Pritchard will speak from the point of view as a volunteer fire fighter. Case will speak about how the bond will make money to pay for the debt service. Pease or Bryer may speak as citizens, not as Town Sergeant or Town Planner.

V. 2025 Jamestown Comprehensive Plan – Housing (5 min) - review, discussion, and/or action and/or vote

a. Transmittal of Goals, Policies and Actions

Policies:

Related Goal 5 Policy #8: keep ADUs and add “for year-round housing”

Related Actions:

Related policy 10 Action # a: change “Establish a” to “Formalize the”

A motion was moved by Case and seconded by Pritchard to approve the amended worksheet.
All in favor.

VI. Member Reports (5 min) - review, discussion, and/or action and/or vote

1. No reports at this time.

VII. Future Meetings and agenda items of Affordable Housing Committee - review, discussion and/or action and/or vote (5 min)

Next meeting June 18, 2025 at 5:00pm

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 6:15pm was moved Pease seconded by Toll. All in favor.

Attest:

Carrie Kolb