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Sharon Housing Plan Steering Committee

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The meeting was called to order at 5:33p.m., and held via “Zoom” by Planning consultant Jocelyn Ayer. In attendance were Dale Jones, Larry Moskowitz, Bob Whalen, Melia Hill, Brent Colley, and Andrew Ferentinos.

Members discussed the recent reception by the Planning and Zoning commission for the steering committee’s draft housing plan for Sharon. Reaction by the P and Z was described as “enthusiastic”, and agreed the draft plan conforms to the Town plan of Conservation and Development. Jocelyn suggested, and members agreed to a pair of minor edits to the plan following comments by Betsy Hall. They included a reference to the number of bedrooms in a single family home, and square footage for multiple family dwellings. With those minor changes, Bob Whelan made a motion, seconded by Larry Moskowitz to forward the completed plan to the board of Selectmen for consideration for adoption. The vote was unanimous.

Jocelyn asked whether the Selectmen might want a presentation when they consider the plan, or not. Selectmen will determine that at their next meeting. The Affordable Housing Plan will be posted on the Town website for at least 35 days prior to adoption. There were concerns about the file size of the plan getting in the way of residents being able to view and download it. Brent Colley said he would work with Town clerk Linda Amerighi on that issue.

Jocelyn made the committee aware there is still “mini-grant” money available to help get the word out about completed plans. The money can be used for outreach, publicity and gatherings including things like “ice cream socials” to share information and increase support.

With their initial work complete, members of the committee thanked Jocelyn Ayer for her expertise in shepherding the proposal toward completion. Everyone agreed Jocelyn will continue to be a source of knowledge and expertise, as the Town works to increase affordable housing availability.

A motion to adjourn was made by Larry Moskowitz, seconded by Bob Whalen, and the meeting adjourned at 5:57

Submitted,

Dale Jones acting Secretary