

Hillsdale Housing Committee
Meeting
January 13, 2017

Present: Tina Sharpe, Laurie Winfrey, Hank Henward, Joe Browdy, Steve Bluestone, Shirley Bresler, Rick Kumro, Ellen Levy

Absent: Laura Griffin, Joyce Lapenn, Janis Smythe

The meeting was opened at 4 p.m.

First, we were delighted to welcome a new committee member, Rick Kumro, who has been working in the field of affordable housing banking for many years.

Housing Survey: We discussed the housing survey that the Committee is undertaking in fulfillment of the first phase of the grant that the Committee received from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. Tina and Laurie, who created the survey, based on the 2009 survey that our committee circulated as part of our 2010 Housing Study. Steve mentioned that his friend worked at a company that distributed surveys and that he might be able to advise us with the format. Tina suggested that we should use the County median income rather than the Town's, as the Town's population was too small to be useful or significant for average income purposes.

After a spirited discussion about the survey, it was agreed to refine it. Shirley, Ellen and Joe volunteered to work on this.

Time line for our Grant Requirements:

- Jan 14-26 - Finish survey draft and present to Community Advisors for input.
- Jan. 23-29 – Notify Community advisors and ask for their participation (Tina)
- Jan.26 (or before deadline for Feb. Town newsletter) – send announcement about Housing Survey and committee plans to P. Cipkowski.

- Feb. 7 – Hillsdale Town Board meeting – Hsg committee member attend to announce the initiative and dates of focus groups (after input from Community advisors.)
- Feb. 22 – Send out Survey with March 10 deadline. Include dates and places of the 3 focus groups. (This means that printing and notices must be placed around town first.---
- March 10 – analyze survey results.

Community Advisors: A discussion followed about who would be asked to be Community Advisors. Tina will contact them in late January.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40.