

Shandaken Housing Smart Task Force Minutes - January 27, 2025

Attended by committee members Sara Bayer, Deb Dolan, Sophie Grant, Philip Mones and Vickie Starr

Vickie Starr began the meeting by introducing herself as the new chairperson of the committee, followed by the committee members introducing themselves. There was one community member also attending, who introduced himself.

Vickie and Sophie recapped the Comp Plan events that took place with the community on Saturday, Jan 27. Both agreed that the events were well attended, with enthusiastic participation from a wide variety of local residents. All agreed that the energy around the new comp plan presents a great opportunity for the community to learn more about the housing committee and our goals for the coming years.

Sarah Bayer presented a brief overview of a book she recently read that pertained to our work. The book is *In Defense of Housing: The Politics of Crisis* by David J. Madden and Peter Marcuse.

Vickie presented a summary of her recent meeting with Kai Lord-Farmer from the Ulster County Planning Board, where they discussed Kai's proposal to help the housing committee create a Housing Inventory Site Map for the town of Shandaken. Vickie also shared a document showing an example of how another town used a Housing Site Inventory Map to help them create an Affordable Housing Development Plan.

A lively discussion was had with the community member who attended around questions he had pertaining to a mixed-use building he owns in Pine Hill and which he wants to convert into long-term housing.

In preparation for the year ahead, the committee ended the meeting by reviewing how to best communicate with each other and share info in between meetings, and brainstormed on how we can generate more awareness and interest in the housing committee in order to get more community involvement. All agreed that the guest speakers and events we held last year were useful, and mostly well-attended, including presentations from RUPCO and Ulster Co regarding ADU grant programs, a presentation from Jan Jaffe about the Wellington Hotel project, and a meeting with two people involved with HomeShare Woodstock to see what it would take for them to expand their area of coverage to include Shandaken.