

**Minutes of the
Housing Opportunity Committee
Eastern Connecticut Association of REALTORS®
April 26, 2017**

In attendance: Joe Malerba, Susy Hurlbert, Jamie Goulas, Mathew Lisee* Marianne Malerba, Christopher Poulos.

*Attended via skype

Also in attendance: Jeff Koshiorek, and Evan Evans.

Absent: Ruth Butler, Paula Hahn, and Hal Robinson.

1. Chair, Joe Malerba, called the meeting to order at 11:10 A.M.
2. A roll call and introduction of members was taken.
3. M/S/C to approve the March 22 minutes, per exhibit.
4. Correspondence
 - a. Reviewed and discussed letter from Franklin Selectman Rich Matters, per exhibit. Susy will contact NAR to determine effect this may have on applying for additional grants.
 - b. Reviewed and discussed the meeting that took place at ECHO, with Joe, Marianne, and Susy. Committee members agreed that the limited scope of this agency's work is noteworthy and should be mentioned at the housing forum.
 - c. Reviewed and discussed the Equal Housing Opportunity Housing Program flyer by the Litchfield County AOR, per exhibit. It was agreed that ECAR should strive to have a similar event next April, 2018 to raise awareness during Fair Housing Month.
5. Housing Forum
 - a. M/S/C to hold a 3-part series of Housing Forums for Homebuyers and REALTORS
 - i. Locations: Killingly, Norwich and Groton.
Target Dates: August through October on the third Thursday.
 - ii. The program would consist of two sections: 1) REALTOR value proposition and 2) Loan Programs for low to moderate income households.
 - iii. Susy will research and begin application process for a level II placemaking grant.
6. Reviewed and discussed options for Level I Placemaking Grant.
 - a. The Committee agreed that sending out an RFP should be sent out to all towns.
 - b. Matt will contact New London's Fresh Start community garden project to see if they are a good match for a grant, and report back to the Committee at next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 24th, 2017 at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Susy Hurlbert,
Chief Executive Officer