

Town of Willington

PLANNING AND ZONING



To: Willington Board of Selectman

From: Michael D'Amato, Land Use Agent

Date: March 24, 2020

Re: Affordable Housing Plan Grant Application

In 2017, the Legislature passed a universal requirement that all Town's in the State of Connecticut adopt and maintain an "Affordable Housing Plan". Until just recently, most Towns have not taken this requirement seriously as the State did not provide any clarification on what such plan should include, and it was essentially an unfunded mandate.

However, on March 6th, the Department of Housing released a grant opportunity which will allow roughly 30 Towns in the State to receive funding to write these plans. The grants will be awarded on a first come-first served basis. The anticipated grant amounts are roughly \$15,000 per Town.

The Land Use Office is working to prepare the grant application but one of the required components is a resolution from the Board of Selectman authorizing; 1. the submission of the grant and 2. Appointing a staff member to administer the grant should it be awarded.

The application and submission process will be of not cost to the Town. All of the materials can be developed "in house". If the grant is ultimately awarded, we will have the upcoming fiscal year to spend the funds. There is no required Town matching funds.

I will be available during the meeting to discuss this in greater detail.