

Notes  
Hillsdale Housing Committee Meeting  
February 9, 2025 (by Zoom)

Present: Shirley Bresler, Joe Browdy, Ellen Levy, Frank Upham, Joan Wallstein  
Town Board reps: Nico Hernandez, Bart Ziegler

Absent: Rene Gibson, Janis Smythe

Meeting opened on Zoom at 4 p.m. EST

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the outreach by a prospective property owner who expressed an interest in helping with the Town's expressed need for more housing. The property in question is several hundred acres, of which a small and separate portion might be available for housing development.

After a brief discussion about the positive offer from Vincent and Maria Ferrari-Foti, the following was decided:

- We should respond as soon as possible by email with a positive message expressing our interest in their offer and indicating that we would like to meet for further discussions in the near future.
- In the meantime, we should begin our own explorations of possibilities, including developers, zoning, and other limitations, possible County help, etc.
- Committee members will follow up as follows:
  - Frank Upham will draft a letter of response
  - Janis will contact Habitat
  - Shirley will contact Construct, the non-profit active in Berkshire County.
  - Nico will contact Chris Brown, Columbia County Housing "czar."

We will meet again to discuss the above.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.