

Squires Minutes 2/9/2023

We had another fine meeting this week--over 40 in attendance including five guests and one proposed new member. Joe Watts, president, opened the meeting and introduced Art Scutro who offered the "Words of Inspiration." Lunch followed with most all anticipating the talk on affordable housing, the Long Meadow project being of special interest to those living in New London.

Following lunch, Joe introduced our guests and their hosts--Jon Fitzgerald and host Dave Wood, Ben Horne and host Dave Barber, Vahgn Sarkisian and Jim Mathis and their host Gerry Coogan. Gordon Terwilliger then proposed Mike Mulcahy for membership and Mike was approved by voice vote. Joe congratulated and welcomed Mike.

Speaker for the afternoon was Andrew Winter, Executive Director of the Twin Pines Housing Trust. After an introduction by Bill Helm, Andrew introduced his associate, David Crandall, and then opened the talk with an outline of Twin Pines' projects completed and in the pipe-line. Focus then turned to New London and Long Meadow Commons. Andrew identified the site and noted that there would be four buildings, each with fifteen rental units and a program for apartment ownership. He outlined the levels of income required and said the objective of the project was to attract area working people. The employees of the New London Hospital and Colby-Sawyer College came to mind. Andrew's talk ended with a lively Q & A session.

Final item was Dave Wood's announcement of our March speaker. It will be Jeremy DeSilva, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Dartmouth. Jeremy is well known to the Squires having been with us on two prior occasions. He is an outstanding speaker and an expert on the evolution of human locomotion. His March talk is titled, "Upright Walking."

Everyone is invited to join us in March for what will surely be an outstanding talk.

A final note, the Nominations Committee is now looking for candidates for open positions in the year beginning May 2023. If you're interested in being part of the membership, program, or finance committees, or serving as secretary, please contact Garry Keane (gpkeane@comcast.net) or Ted Jones (traderted43@msn.com)

Cordially,
Art Rosen, secretary