

September 12, 2011

Present: Ted Bent, Patte Doran, Wayne Hileman, Andy O'Hazo, Jean Suddaby, Sue Werkhoven

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Housing Commission was called to order at 5:03 pm by Chairman Wayne Hileman.

Minutes of August 8, 2011 Regular Meeting

Wayne Hileman moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Sue Werkhoven seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Inclusion of Items Not on Agenda

Wayne Hileman officially seated Patte Doran for this meeting.

Updates

A. Informal Joint Meeting with ZC

Chairman Wayne Hileman had spoken with Janet Hill about the Housing Commission setting a September date for an informal discussion with the Zoning Commission. It was decided to postpone this meeting since the Zoning Commission is still involved with the Wykeham Rise matter,

B. Joint efforts with CHFA

Wayne Hileman reported that he spoke with Rose Holbrook who said that CHFA is still interested in working with the Housing Commission. Wayne clarified that the Housing Commission is interested in a simple approach that would involve giving an eligible applicant down payment assistance with a no interest loan to be paid off when the home is sold. This loan, coupled with CHFA's 30 year fixed mortgage, adds increased affordability for first time home buyers. The Town of Washington would gain one point toward its affordable housing quota per CHFA mortgaged house. Ms. Holbrook has requested a one page proposal stating what the Housing Commission has in mind.

Wayne Hileman will ask Ms. Holbrook whether applicants with community ties can be a factor in the selection criteria.

C. Revised HC Duties

Having approved the revision of its ordinance and duties, the Housing Commission has submitted this revision to the Board of Selectmen for approval and for vetting by the Town Attorney and to then be put on the October Town meeting agenda.

Old Business

A. Continued Discussion of HC Ordinance and related issues

This item has been tabled until the next regular meeting.

New Business

A. Housing Commission members drafted revision suggestions for the POCD's Housing Chapter so that Wayne Hileman could take these ideas to the POCD's next Sub-committee meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, October 3, 2011, in the Land Use Room at Town Hall at 5pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patte Doran

Secretary