

October 4, 2010

Present: Liddy Adams, Wayne Hileman, Andy O'Hazo, Jean Suddaby, Sue Werkhoven

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Housing Commission was called to order at 5:05 pm by Chairman Wayne Hileman.

Minutes of September 13, 2010 Regular Meeting

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

Updates/Communications

A. Few Good Acres Initiative

Liddy Adams and First Selectman Mark Lyon will meet this week with the owner of the 272 Sabbaday Lane property to discuss its proposed purchase by the Town.

Old Business

A. New Residential Zones for Village Centers

Andy O'Hazo distributed the data he had compiled on homes built in Washington over the past twenty years. The data will be analyzed to help determine the typical house built during this time period by finding the median square footage and lot size.

Jean Suddaby met with the Senior Center Director Pam Collins for an update on what senior citizens are saying about their housing needs. Their discussion confirmed the findings of the 2007 survey results in that seniors want downsized, single-level housing options in Washington. Also, transportation was a concern to seniors and they were very appreciative of that provided by the Senior Center.

New Business

A. Preliminary Discussion – Studio Apts.

A local landlord contacted Wayne Hileman with information regarding demand for studio apartments. Currently the town requires apartments that are created from older homes or in the business districts to be at least 550 square feet. The Commissioners discussed the availability of such housing at present and whether more was needed, but reached no conclusions.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:05

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, November 8, 2010, in the Land Use Room at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patte Doran

Secretary