

January 12, 2009

Present: Liddy Adams, Wayne Hileman, Jean Suddaby, Sue Werkhoven

Call to Order

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

Minutes of the December 8 Regular Meeting

Corrections: Under Continued Examination of Incentive Housing Zone in sentence one, changed “perk” to “perc”.

Under Executive Session, added at the end of the first sentence “and agreed by unanimous consent”. Wayne Hileman moved to accept the minutes as amended. Jean Suddaby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Inclusion of Items Not on Agenda

Members unanimously agreed to move this item to the end of the agenda.

Reappointment and Election of Officers At the Board of Selectmen’s meeting held December 23, 2008, it was unanimously agreed to reappoint Wayne Hileman and Susan Werkhoven to the Town’s Housing Commission. These appointments continue until January 1, 2012.

Wayne Hileman was reelected unanimously as Chairperson, with Susan Werkhoven nominating and Liddy Adams seconding the nomination.

Liddy Adams was reelected unanimously as Vice Chairperson, with Wayne Hileman nominating and Jean Suddaby seconding the nomination.

Continued Discussion of Incentive Housing Zone

Wayne Hileman reported that the Selectman from Salisbury, CT, contacted him to inquire about how Washington’s Housing Commission had been formed and how it was funded.

Liddy Adams mentioned that towns combining forces to address various needs had been a theme at the HOME Connecticut Seminar she had attended in November.

Wayne Hileman has received the Titus Road test results. Fifteen holes have been drilled, all of which drained well. However, the flow may be such that an engineered septic system might be needed to insure that the river not be adversely impacted. Wayne Hileman said Technical Assistance Grant monies were still available from the state. This money could be used to explore the feasibility of an engineered septic system. Wayne recommended inviting the Titus Road Ad Hoc Committee, formed by Selectmen Mark Lyon and Nick Solley, to come to the Housing Commission to discuss the implications of the test results. Soil scientist Paul Szmanski might be able to come also. If not, Wayne will talk to him about the density issue and report back to the members.

The issue to be determined is if the land meets Incentive Zone density requirements. If not, it would rule out the Housing Commission applying for the grant. In this case, other options for this town owned land parcel would be explored by the Titus Road Ad Hoc Committee.

Inclusion of Items Not on Agenda

Wayne Hileman discussed the Housing Commission’s long range plan which entails gathering various data sets. One of these is to investigate how many people work for the private and public schools and how many of these people reside in town. Evidently, one of the town’s biggest industries is the schools. A question to explore is: What housing opportunities are available for school employees and what would be the beneficial impact on local businesses if such opportunities were increased?

Data from the Housing Commission’s long range plan could be included in the Town’s Plan of Development which is to be revised in four years.

Continued Assessment of “Few Good Acres” Sites

Members discussed in general the number of sites visited so far and whether there were more to be seen.

Adjourn

Wayne Hileman moved to adjourn the meeting. Jean Suddaby seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, February 9, 2009, in the Land Use Room at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patte Doran

Secretary
