

March 17, 2008

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

Guests: None

Visitors: None

Call to Order

Chairman Wayne Hileman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes of February 11, 2008

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

Welcome

Wayne Hileman officially welcomed the Housing Commission's new member, Andrew O'Hazo.

Updates

Wayne Hileman reported that he and Addie Roberts met with the Sharon Association, a 'think-tank' for area towns where public officials can exchange ideas. Although the main focus of the Sharon Association is on land use and approaches to conservation, concerns such as housing and cell towers are also shared. Wayne had an opportunity to talk to State Senator Andrew Rorabach about smaller towns' housing needs. The Senator lent a sympathetic ear but pointed out that the larger towns having more state representatives sometimes made it difficult to get the votes needed to address various issues faced by smaller towns.

Accessory Apartments

Wayne Hileman gave the Housing Commission's new member some background information on the town's accessory apartment regulations. The Zoning Commission is currently discussing a possible change to these regulations to allow either an attached or an unattached accessory apartment but not both, as now allowed. The Housing Commission feels the regulations should stay as they are since these help provide a source of modestly sized and priced dwellings, thus aiding the promotion of housing diversity. The present regulations also align with the 2003 Town Plan of Conservation and Development's recommendations to encourage housing options. The Zoning Commission has drafted a proposal to present at an upcoming public hearing. Wayne Hileman will draft a letter for members' comments and have it ready before the public hearing.

Budget

Wayne Hileman has submitted the Housing Commission's capital, non recurring housing fund budget request for this budget year.

Long Range Plan

Wayne Hileman suggested that the Housing Commission, when developing their long range plan, use Chapter Five from the Town Plan of Conservation and Development to help provide more specificity as they proceed.

Executive Session

Wayne Hileman made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a potential municipal transaction. Sue Werkhoven seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Wayne Hileman made a motion to come out of executive session. Liddy Adams seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 14, at 5:00 p.m. in the Land Use Room, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patte Doran