

July 9, 2007

Present: Liddy Adams, Don Brigham, Wayne Hileman, Jean Suddaby

Guests: None

Visitors: Chris Charles, Dick Sears, 1st Selectman

Call to Order

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

Minutes of June 11

Jean Suddaby moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Liddy Adams seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Inclusion of Items Not on Agenda

Chris Charles extended an invitation to the Housing Commission from Joe Gitterman to see the first of the completed affordable units at Myfield.

Updates

A. Deed Restrictions - Ellsworth & Starberry

The Declaration of Restricted Covenant for the Ellsworth Apartments is finished and will probably be signed within the week. The 4 apartments will increase Washington's affordable housing unit equivalent point total by 6 points. The Starberry Farm cottage's Covenant still needs some minor alterations.

B. Commission Chair Meeting - Liddy Adams substituted for Wayne Hileman at a meeting of Commission Chairs, where they had an opportunity to exchange ideas.

C. River Front Loop - Sue Werkhoven reported on the progress of this project. Approval has been granted to begin the clean up. Sue will report back when this is completed.

Senior Housing Survey

The Housing Commission members scrutinized the final draft of the 2006 Senior Housing Survey Report, making some minor changes in wording. The members then approved the report. Wayne Hileman will refer it to Planning and Zoning for printing referrals.

Other Business

A. Proposed Housing Plan Discussion - Don Brigham raised some questions about the different approaches to creating single family affordable homes, such as purchasing a parcel of land and having qualified people borrow the money and build their own units.

B. Plan visit to Cornwall Housing Trust -

Wayne Hileman said that Don Brigham's idea of meeting with the Litchfield Housing Trust was so informative and successful that the Housing Commission has decided to make a similar field trip with the Cornwall Housing Trust. The members decided to do this in lieu of the August 15th meeting.

Adjournment

Wayne Hileman moved to adjourn the meeting. Jean Suddaby seconded the motion which was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting for August 13th is canceled. In its place, the Housing Commission members will be going on a field trip with the Cornwall Housing Trust.

Respectfully submitted,

Patte Doran