

September 10, 2007

Present: Liddy Adams, Wayne Hileman, Sue Werkhoven

Guests: None

Visitors: Dick Sears

Call to Order

Chairman Wayne Hileman called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Minutes of July 9

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

Inclusion of Items Not on Agenda

Dick Sears asked the Housing Commission what it proposed as it went forward. Wayne Hileman said that there seemed to be a disconnect between the Plan of Conservation and Development's recommendations for the town's future and what is being done as reflected in our zoning regulations. The Housing Commission might offer some ways to reconcile this discrepancy. Also, the Housing Commission's next focus will be to explore single family limited equity housing.

Presentations on Senior Housing Survey Report

Wayne Hileman has presented the Senior Housing Survey Report to the Board of Selectmen, the Zoning Commission, and the Planning Commission. The Board of Selectmen was interested in the input from this segment of the town's citizens. The Zoning Commission voiced a variety of concerns and questions. The Planning Commission offered several relevant points about details implied in the survey report. Wayne Hileman emphasized at each presentation that a key issue uncovered by the survey is that Washington's senior citizens need a choice of housing types. Wayne will offer to be a guest speaker at the Rotary Club on the topic of the Senior Survey Report. He will also explore giving interviews with reporters from local papers.

River Front Loop

Sue Werkhoven said there was nothing new to report since the May 29th meeting.

Affordable Housing Appeals List Update

The technical glitch has been resolved regarding the Ellsworth Apartments' deed restrictions.

Myfield Visit

The Housing Commission went to see a model unit designated as affordable at the Myfield project.

Communications

Having found visits to other small towns' Housing Trusts to be very informative, the Housing Commission will continue to visit and explore how towns are addressing affordable housing. In this regard, Wayne Hileman received a call from a Woodbury gentleman who had read the Senior Survey report online. He had been involved in Woodbury's Senior Housing and has invited the Washington's Housing Commission for a tour.

Dick Sears will contact Cornwall's first selectman to arrange for an opportunity for Cornwall's Housing Trust and Washington's Housing Commission to discuss how Cornwall has approached affordable housing.

Discussion of Long Range Plan: Don Brigham

This item has been tabled.

Adjournment

Wayne Hileman moved to adjourn the meeting. Liddy Adams seconded the motion which was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, October 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the Land Use Room, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patte Doran