

January 19, 2011

Present: Liddy Adams, Jean Suddaby, Sue Werkhoven, Ted Bent

Guests: Chris Charles, Kelly Boling

Visitors: Peter Talbot, Emily Alter

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Housing Commission was called to order at 5:04 pm by Vice Chairman Liddy Adams who then seated Ted Bent as a regular member.

Minutes of December 13, 2010 Regular Meeting

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

Inclusion of Items Not on Agenda

Architect Peter Talbot introduced Emily Alter, a former intern of his when she was in college. Miss Alter will soon be off to work on a project in Europe involving organic farming. In the interim, Peter Talbot hopes to have the benefit of Emily's training in town planning when considering the future of the Town's five village centers. Some ideas were mulled over, including the possibility of elder housing with an assisted living component in one of the village centers. Liddy Adams said she could envision elder housing as part of the Washington Elementary School's future use.

Liddy Adams said the Housing Commission welcomes the sharing of ideas from professionals such as Peter and Emily and thanked them for their input.

Preliminary Discussion – Courtesy Visit

A. Strawman LLC – Possible Affordable Housing Plan

Chris Charles and Kelly Boling, representing Strawman LLC, gave a brief overview of a proposal they were working on which includes an affordable housing component. The location involves land behind the Church Hill subdivision done in 1971 which became the Bee Brook Condominiums. The proposal consists of two components: 6 single family 2 bedroom houses and 20 one-floor condominiums with 30 percent of each component affordable. Chris Charles wanted to know what the Commission was hearing from senior citizens about their housing needs. Jean Suddaby said both the 2006 Senior Survey and current anecdotal data from the Senior Center emphasized that seniors were looking for places to downsize to that are one level or have a bedroom on the first floor and have an attached garage. Also, respondents felt that River Woods was too small and Quarry Ridge was too big. Chris and Kelly would welcome further clarification from the Housing Commission about the 8-30g Affordable Housing Act's criteria.

Election of Officers

Reappointment and Election of Officers

At the Board of Selectmen's meeting held September 2, 2010, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Ted Bent as an alternate member of the Town's Housing Commission. This appointment continues until January 1, 2013.

At the Board of Selectmen's meeting held December 22, 2010, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Andrew O'Hazo as a member of the Town's Housing Commission. This appointment continues until January 1, 2014.

At the Board of Selectmen's meeting held December 22, 2010, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Lisabeth Adams as a member of the Town's Housing Commission. This appointment continues until January 1, 2014.

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

Updates/Communications

A. Letter to AC re: Housing in the Business District The letter was approved for distribution.

B. Few Good Acres Initiative

There is nothing more to report on this initiative.

Adjourn

Ted Bent moved to adjourn the meeting. Jean Suddaby seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, February 14, 2011, in the Land Use Room at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary