

May 9, 2011

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

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Housing Commission was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Wayne Hileman.

Minutes of April 11, 2011 Regular Meeting

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

Updates/Communications

A. Referral to Zoning Commission re: Housing in the Business District

The Zoning Commission has approved the Housing Commission's request that the Business Districts' housing be freed from the minimum square footage requirement.

B. Planning Commission Sub-Committee – 2013 POCD

The Planning Commission Sub-Committee will meet again this Thursday at 1 pm in the Land Use Room. Wayne Hileman is unable to attend but Liddy Adams may be able to. Wayne has already laid out to this Sub-Committee the issues which the Housing Commission would like the new POCD to address.

C. CHFA Mortgages and Affordable Housing Fund

Wayne Hileman emailed Rose Holbrook of CHFA to inform her that the Housing Commission would be interested in pursuing straightforward down payment assistance in the form of a zero interest loan to help a qualified, first-time home buyer. Rose Holbrook asked if the Housing Commission could provide her with an outline or executive summary for CHFA's consideration. Wayne will draft this outline for the commissioners to peruse for revision before sending it on.

Overlay Zones for Village Centers

The Housing Commission decided to submit some maps of possible overlay zones to the Zoning Commission and let them decide on where these might best be situated. These zones would allow for a higher density of single-family homes around the villages, and for age-restricted housing by Special Permit.

The Housing Commission will ask for an informal discussion sometime this summer with the Zoning Commission when their schedule is lighter. In addition to the topic of overlay zones, the Housing Commission would also like to address senior housing, including the current moratorium on condominiums.

Alternate members for Housing Commission

The Housing Commission still has openings for two alternates. People who are interested can contact the Board of Selectmen or the Housing Commission.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:02pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, June 13, 2011, in the Land Use Room at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Patte Doran
Secretary