October 3, 2011

Present: Ted Bent, Patte Doran, Wayne Hileman, Andy O'Hazo, Jean Suddaby, Sue Werkhoven

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Housing Commission was called to order at 5:05 pm by Chairman Wayne Hileman.

Minutes of September 12, 2011 Regular Meeting

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

Inclusion of Items Not on Agenda

Wayne Hileman officially seated Ted Bent for this meeting.

Updates

A. POCD (Plan of Conservation and Development) Subcommittee

Wayne Hileman brought the Housing Commission's revision suggestions for the POCD's Housing Chapter to the POCD's Sub-committee meeting. There was agreement on the need to rewrite the entire Housing Chapter since so much of it was outdated. Wayne Hileman pointed out that having more housing options was not at odds with maintaining a rural character and he found the Sub-committee receptive to this concept.

B. Joint efforts with CHFA (CT Housing Finance Authority)

Wayne Hileman reported that he spoke with Rose Holbrook of CHFA. She encouraged the Housing Commission, when developing their brief proposal, to utilize the experience of Washington's private, non profit Housing Trust for selection criteria for applicants.

C. Revised HC Statement of Purpose and Duties

Since two selectmen and the town's attorney had not yet seen the Housing Commission's revision of its ordinance and duties, it was not on the October Town meeting agenda as originally planned but instead will be on the agenda of one of the town meetings coming up in the near future.

Old Business

A. Continued Discussion of HC Ordinance and Related Issues

The Housing Commission continued discussion of its goals, including summarizing data and research to share with the Planning Commission as it rewrites the POCD.

Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, November 14, 2011, in the Land Use Room in Town Hall at 5pm.

Respectfully submitted, Patte Doran Secretary