March 8, 2010

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

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Housing Commission was called to order at 5:08 pm by Chairman Wayne Hileman.

Minutes of February 8, 2010 Regular Meeting

The minutes were amended as follows:

Under Working Discussion, the March 24 date in paragraphs 2 and 3 was changed to March 25. Wayne Hileman moved to accept the minutes as amended. Liddy Adams seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Updates

A. Few Good Acres Initiative - 294 Sabbaday Lane

Surveyor Mike Alex met with the property owners and a 1.84 acre parcel was carved out with an access way to Sabbaday Lane. In the process of site selection the address of the proposed parcel has changed. The next step is to get an appraiser and then do some initial soil and perc test analysis.

Wayne Hileman moved to recommend to the Board of Selectmen an expenditure not to exceed \$500 from the Town's Affordable Housing Fund for the purpose of obtaining a licensed appraisal of 272 Sabbaday Lane. Andy O'Hazo seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Wayne Hileman will send a letter with this recommendation to the Board of Selectmen in time for the matter to get on their next meeting's agenda.

B. February 25 Selectmen's Meeting with Commission Chairs

The Commission Chairs shared what each group was working on. Wayne Hileman attended the meeting as Chair of the Housing Commission. He felt that a lot of thoughtful discussion occurred. He floated the idea of creating a new residential zone for the village center(s). The Board of Selectmen will also seek an amendment to the Housing Commission's Ordinance to allow for two alternates.

C. March 25 Special Selectmen's Meeting - Mill Race Road

At 5:30 pm on March 25, Peter Talbot's proposal regarding Mill Race Road will be discussed among Town Commission members.

D. Myfield LLC – Possible Change of Affordability Administration

Liddy Adams reported that at last Tuesday's Housing Trust meeting, the WCHT voted to resign as the affordability administrator for Myfield LLC after the pending sale of the one existing affordable unit is finished. Myfield LLC will need to appoint a new affordability administrator for the property. The Zoning Enforcement Officer will be notified.

Working Discussion

The Housing Commission members discussed some sample language for creating zoning regulations that would provide for a Washington Depot residential district. Some ideas for visuals that could show various aspects of density were floated. Wayne will draft further language to include the possibility for senior housing (for ages 55 and over). Members also felt that a map showing all recent housing growth in Washington could be a good tool to demonstrate the need for a more targeted approach.

Adjourn

Wayne Hileman moved to adjourn the meeting. Liddy Adams seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, April 12, 2010, in the Land Use Room at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Patte Doran , Secretary