

June 9, 2008

Present

Liddy Adams, Wayne Hileman, Andrew O'Hazo, Jean Suddaby, Sue Werkhoven

Guests Phil Markert

Visitors None

Call to Order

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

Minutes of May 12, 2008

Wayne Hileman moved to accept the minutes of May 12. Liddy Adams seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Inclusion of Items Not on Agenda

Patte Doran asked members whether they would be interested in getting a DVD of the Mayors' Forum held recently in Hartford on Green and Affordable Housing, which Liddy Adams and Phil Markert attended. She thought this DVD might be a good educational tool to use in possible town meetings on this subject. She gave the contact information to Chairman Wayne Hileman.

Updates

Accessory Apartment Regulations

Wayne Hileman informed the members that the Zoning Commission has dropped the idea of making a change to the accessory apartment regulations.

Incentive Housing Zones PA07-4

Wayne Hileman informed members that he has followed up on finding out what is entailed in the Technical Assistance Grant to municipalities. He contacted the person assigned at the state level to this project. She forwarded him a handout outlining eligible funding activities, which he distributed to the members. Also, there is a Hartford law firm that has put together a guide document for applicants. In order to apply, a location must be identified, i.e., an actual area, plus a written rationale and budget. Small towns, rather than using a smart growth concept such as proximity to mass transit, could instead identify a village center. Andy O'Hazo and Jean Suddaby both felt it would be good to have a discussion of the pros and cons of each of Washington's village centers as possible places for an incentive housing zone. Phil Markert asked about the possibility of demonstrating a need for school personnel to have moderately priced housing available since he felt that Washington's private and public schools could be seen as a dominant "industry".

Executive Session

Wayne Hileman made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a potential municipal transaction. Jean Suddaby seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Wayne Hileman made a motion to come out of executive session. Liddy Adams seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Wayne Hileman moved to adjourn the meeting. Jean Suddaby seconded the motion which was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, July 14, at 5:00 p.m. in the Land Use Room, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Patte Doran