

ANTRIM PLANNING BOARD

Public Hearing - Elderly Housing

March 18, 1982

Present: Harvey Goodwin, Acting Chairman, Bob Watterson, Bruce Kierstead, and Katherine Wasserloos, Secretary

Mr. Goodwin called the public hearing to order at 7:51 p.m.

The public hearing was properly advertised in the Contoocock Valley Advertiser and posted in two public places. Fran Chapman, realtor, was present on behalf of Boston Industrial Development Co. Lee and Sus Marshall, abutters, attended as did Robert Flanders.

Basically, BIDCO proposes to change the original 40-unit design from five or six structures to a single two-story building containing 20 units per floor. BIDCO claims this change is necessitated by current economic conditions. Additionally, BIDCO has been informed that unless construction has begun by June 1, they must forfeit their bond assistance.

Accordingly, the Antrim Planning Board must act to amend the present zoning ordinance to accommodate BIDCO's proposed changes or forego elderly housing for the immediate future.

The specific changes would: make elderly housing a permitted use thereby removing the Board of Adjustment from an overseeing position in a special exception; and permit no more than 25 dwelling units per floor.

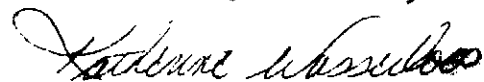
Bob Flanders appeared to express his concern that these changes would result in Antrim's lowering the standards for elderly housing to accommodate BIDCO. He also thought that the individual financial standards for admission to elderly housing might have recently been lowered thereby resulting in fewer elderly home owners from Antrim being eligible for admission. Fran Chapman promised to check into the financial standard requirements.

Lee Marshall opined that the town should not have made elderly housing a "special exception" thereby paving the way for other special interests to claim discrimination.

The Planning Board asked Mr. Chapman to request the representatives from BIDCO to appear at the second public hearing on April 8, 1982, to discuss their changes in detail.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Wasserloos