

JUNE 4, 2014 MINUTES  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

- Meeting held according to new time & place: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, at Town Hall

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM; those present were Margaret Abeyta, Carol Bacon, Alan Chaney, Bill Jennings, Dana Metzler, Mary Moeller. Interim Town Administrator Madonna MacKenzie also attended.

Minutes of the meeting of Feb. 4, 2014, approved.

- Carol reported that she attended a Planning Board meeting to apprise the Board of AHC hopes to amend the Zoning Bylaw re in-law apts (to allow them to be rented to non-relatives) and acreage requirement for senior housing (to reduce from 50 to 5 acres). The Board had a number of questions, some quite relevant.
- Carol stated that the first order of business for the AHC must be the updating of the Town's Housing Plan (hereinafter --- THE PLAN). All else follows. She will meet with Temporary Town Administrator MacKenzie next Tuesday to initiate the process.
- There followed a general discussion of Affordable Housing goals and means, with particular focus on in-law apts. converted to rentals.
  - What happens when a home is sold?
  - What happens if an owner wants to remove/take off the permit?
  - Need to be clear how owners "get & unget" the permit.
- There followed a discussion of the advantages of town-owned apartment complexes (the Carlisle method) in meeting the needs/goals of the Town  
Dana asked:
  - Are these developments financially self-sufficient
  - Do we need an "Enterprise Fund" at the outset?
  - Are they run by an autonomous committee?Answer would appear to be "Yes" in all cases.

- Mary observed we need to set priorities, go "step by step". Discussion followed :
  - Land: we got it.
  - Money for feasibility studies: CPA has it. Carol will go to CPC with request.
  - Change Zoning Bylaw: we've started the process.
  - Water? Land is on Town Water, but pipes may be inadequate!

- Next meeting to be held on Wed., July 2, Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 PM  
Alan Chaney, Sec.