

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE
MINUTES: JULY 2, 2014

1. Meeting called to order 6:37 PM
2. Present: Alan Chaney, Carol Bacon, Margaret Abeyta, Mary Moeller, Bill Jennings, Dana Metzler; Madonna McKenzie for first half of meeting
3. Minutes of 6/4/14 accepted as submitted
4. THE PLAN
Madonna can get money from NMCOG for update of the Town's Housing Plan.
The Committee voted to request such funds.
Carol & Margaret have spent much time gathering data for the update, & happily welcome NMCOG help.
5. Carol reported that she met with Selectmen re proposed zoning changes; they approved & will send to Atty. Larkin for review.
6. Carol reported that the CPC approved up to \$30,000 for feasibility study for "Best Triangle" area (& flood danger for "MUD" area). Money for NMCOG can come CPA administrative funds.
7. Accessory ("in-law") Apartments
After Margaret's discussion with Stowe housing official, it has become clear that to be counted as affordable housing, apt. owners have to accept random persons from state list. AHC agreed this will never fly (& hasn't in other towns.) So..... agreed to simply amend the Town's bylaw to allow renting to non-relatives. For Town's needs, regardless of 40B, this would: help older owners, provide a source of "cheap" apts.
8. Affordable Housing Trust Bylaw
It was noted that nothing has been done about it. (Selectmen are supposed to appoint a board, but have not.)
Margaret allowed as how Stowe has merged their housing authority with their housing trust.
9. It was agreed that those who were able would meet at the Town Hall at 10 AM, July 8, for a field trip to Carlisle.
10. It was agreed to cancel the August meeting, & next meet on Sept. 3 at the Town Hall.
11. And so another productive meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.
Alan Chaney, Sec.