

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF 9/3/2014

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.
2. Present: Carol Bacon, Margaret Abeyta, Bill Jennings, Dana Metzler, Mary Moeller, Alan Chaney (a bit late)
2. Mr. Chaney rather disorganized & had forgotten to bring minutes of previous meeting.
3. Carol, ~~Margaret~~ ^{Dana}, & Alan reported on their field trip to Carlisle. They agreed that of the 3 sites visited, the one on School Street in the center of Carlisle was by far the most applicable to Dunstable/the "Best Triangle". (3 colonial style buildings, 6 rental units per building, senior housing)
4. Carol & Margaret have been attending town housing coordinators meetings, & will continue to do so. Very useful. They reported on a "Challenge Grant - Community Innovation" opportunity, where we could join other towns in the application process. Elizabeth Barnett (Carlisle) would prepare the application for the towns to prepare a "Resource Guide" for each town re water, septic, etc. available for public housing. Carol & Margaret will seek support of the selectmen to join this process.
5. Carol reported that the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on 9/15/14 at 7:40 PM (lower Town hall) on the AHC's requests for changes in the Zoning By-law regarding "in-law" apartments and the acreage required for a senior housing development. A special Town meeting on 10/20/14 will include these items.
6. The Best Triangle project - feasibility study

Dana: Should we consult with other towns to get an idea of rough cost for study? Madonna can help with RFP

Alan: We need to coordinate with Water Board & their upgrade plans, & with the Dumont Land Committee.

All agreed that we should start with Best Triangle: it is simpler than MUD, addresses a clear need, and we have a model (Carlisle) we like.

Mary: but don't forget the MUD "disaster scenario"; all agreed!
7. Agreed to meet next 10/7/14, at 2:30 PM
8. Meeting adjourned 7:00 PM

Alan Chaney, Sec.