

AHC - 03 March, 2015

Minutes

Mtg. called to order at 9:10 AM by Carol

Members present: Carol Bacon, Margaret Abeyta, Alan Chaney, Mary Moeller, Dana Metzler

Guests: Mr. Donovan (NMCOG)
Madonna MacKenzie

1. Madonna reports that grants have been received to write our housing plan; we have full funding for a 5 year plan; Mr. Donovan will write it, pulling together drafts for our consideration. This will require 3 to 4 mtgs. With the AFC.
2. Examples of plans were discussed (e.g. Pepperell). We will need a "Housing Needs Assessment"; "Goals"; an "Implementation Plan" (i.e. 5 year plan).
Note: 5 units will give us "safe harbor" for a year.
3. Discussion of steps to take:
Do the feasibility study for Lowell St.
Dana: we can drill a well for 1st building if water system not yet rehabbed (i.e. do the project in phases)
Dana: how about money?
Carol: once our plan is approved we can look for it. (Mr. D. agrees.)
Madonna: But we really do need to get started on a fund, and we need a Housing Authority.
Mr. D.: Do we have a "waiting list"; Carol: "In our heads."
Mr. D.: We should get a "sense of need"; Dana: How about in "Neighbor to Neighbor"?
Madonna: Yes, we should do it, & she will talk to Selectmen.
All agreed that the survey should be simple (3 to 4 questions in "N. to N." with email response available.
4. Minutes of Feb. 2, 2015, approved as amended.
5. Discussion of Town Meeting. Should we tie Community Housing to the proposed new water system? Most of the members thought yes.
6. Next meeting to be on April 7th, or as needed.
7. Mtg. adjourned at 9:55 AM

Alan Chaney, Sec.