

Affordable Housing Committee Minutes

02 April, 2018

Mtg. called to order at 2:30 PM

Members Present: Carol Bacon, Alan Chaney, Danci Metzler,
Tom Hughes

Also Present: Tracey Hutton, Town Admin.
Walter Alterisio, Chair, BOS
Joan Simmons

- ① Tracey reported on the status of the water system
 - The land survey (Simmons property) is done
 - The engineering study has begun, with money from last may's Town meeting vote (\$190,000)
 - It is hoped that construction funding will be voted at a September special Town meeting, with project to start in Spring
 - Once the town meeting and Ballot election are done, RFP for WWD could go out.

- ② Discussion of the Town Center Overlay District measure on the Town Meeting Warrant.
 - Planning Bd will hold a public hearing on April 17th.
 - Passage would encourage commercial development (including in barns) and diversify available housing with small apartments of 2 bedrooms maximum.

- Joan + Carol discussed number of apartments possible under the Plan; agreed that number will be severely limited by sewage realities.
- AHC voted unanimously to support the Overlay District.

③ Purchase of the Dumont property (garage + 72± acres)

- would give the Town a much better highway/DPW garage
- Town could sell old garage, possibly rezone it for B1 or B2
- Town might be able to lease part of Dumont property for 12 a. Solar farm; ca. \$40,000 per year (ca. v. \$30,000 per year in current taxes paid).
- land north of powerline highly suitable for Town-sponsored housing, with nearby pond for recreation.
- wally noted the possibility of commercial development of some of the parcel to provide a "revenue stream" for the Town.
- AHC voted unanimously to support the purchase.
- Note: Alan Chaney recused himself from the discussion being an abstracter.

④ meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM

Alan Chaney, Sec.