

## Affordable Housing Task Force Minutes

**Date:** April 9

**Location:** Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conf Room

**Attendees:** Shawn McGee, Frank Puopolo, Paul Nelson

- ✓ Meeting opened by Shawn McGee at 1:25PM
- ✓ First discussion was over actual location of RAP 'publicity meeting'. 'Ready to mail' envelopes had the HS cafeteria, but Penn Brook cafeteria also in play (Howard later confirmed HS cafe).
- ✓ Frank indicated he had made a small change to the flyer – moved sentences around on the bottom of the flyer – for clarity.
- ✓ The members of the AHTF felt that the focus on the AHTF should be on creating rental properties as the RAP program was being staffed and driven by Howard and Martha Solish (from Coastal Properties).
  - ✓ To that end we discussed a property on East Main (just east of 186 East Main). The property is several acres of upland and some wetlands. Contains one (repairable) house and a shed. Price of the property is currently \$425K – down from over \$500K.
    - ✓ The size of the property would allow a decent number of condo type structures to be built and the house could even be 'condoized'.
    - ✓ Clearly, the AHTF is not at a point where we can handle this level of task, but it provides a point of entry in conversations with non-profits who might be interested in developing the property.
    - ✓ Shawn will be setting up a 'site walk' with the realtor (Trudy Miller of KW Realty).
- ✓ We also talked a bit about other sites such as the North Main site close to downtown – which is better suited to potential 'affordable clients'.
- ✓ On 'rapping up' RAP, we noted that our task (1.9) is complete and the tasks now at hand (2.1 thru 2.3) are the responsibility of Howard and Martha as previously mentioned. If more is expected of the AHTF on this project we need to be made aware.
- ✓ Meeting closed at 2:30PM.