

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION
01/17/2013 at 7:30 PM
TOWN HALL, 41 SOUTH MAIN STREET

Present: Bruce Altobelli (Chair), Chip Brown, Don Derrick, Len Cadwallader, Ed Grampp, Jim Reynolds, Joan Collison

Staff: Julia Griffin

Regrets: Karen Geiling, Robert Chambers

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

We welcomed Ed Grampp to the Commission.

We reviewed the draft Zoning Amendment for Conditional Permits on behalf of the Planning Board. Julia was helpful in explaining the need for creating a conditional permit within the current planning regulations. Practically, it would increase efficiency/decrease waste. But more importantly, if used well, it would allow a more rational land use that would improve the quality of life. The challenge is that many residents don't feel the urgency or need to change. We agreed we would keep discussing this in future meetings as it will not be on the warrant this year. Julia suggests we look for some practical examples of how the Conditional Permit proposal, if applied, would enhance the quality of life.

At our next meeting, we will start by examining the West Wheelock corridor through the lens of the Conditional Permit proposal and the "compendium" document. Joan, Len and Chip will try to meet with Vicki Smith to prepare some background material for the Commission.

We adjourned at 8:50 PM.

The next meeting will be held on March 21, 2013 at 7:30PM

Len Cadwallader