

Hanover Affordable Housing Commission

Meeting Minutes March 19, 2015

Present: Chip Brown, Don Derrick, Jim Reynolds, Joan Collison, Julia Griffin Robert Chambers, Bruce Altobelli.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Altobelli at 7:30 pm

Senior Housing on Summer St.:

Twin Pines has received a second grant, this one from NHHFA, of \$30k for a Senior Project feasibility study. NHHFA will visit Hanover, and the site, in early April. Next step is confirming need to replace vs upgrade.

West Wheelock Gateway District:

Map, borders, and zoning language were discussed, as well as rationales and possibilities. Borders were modified due to input from public sessions.

Resolution passed unanimously:

“The Hanover Affordable Housing Commission believes the establishment of a West Wheelock Gateway District will be beneficial to the town and its residents, and urges the Planning Board to forward the necessary amendments to Town Meeting for consideration in May.

The Commission believes the proposal will allow future improvements to the aesthetics and functionality of the West Wheelock entry into Hanover, and will encourage the creation of additional dwelling units useful for people with employment in Hanover, as well for students, faculty, and staff at Dartmouth.

The Commission especially recommends the West Wheelock area because it has traditionally been a location for some of the town’s more affordable housing, and the area has been underutilized for that purpose. We believe the proposed changes will not impinge on the enjoyment of abutting properties.

We believe higher density housing within a short walk of the campus and downtown will reduce traffic and use of personal vehicles, with all the benefits that entails.

We also feel that downtown vitality will be enhanced by the number of people living such a short distance away.”

The Commission expresses appreciation for the work carried out by the West Wheelock Gateway working group.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Next meeting Apr 16, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Don Derrick, Secretary