

Hanover Affordable Housing Commission

Meeting Minutes Nov 19, 2015

Present: Joan Collison, Don Derrick, Jim Reynolds, Julia Griffin, Bob Strauss, Bruce Altobelli.

Guest: Andrew Winter and Laura Beliveau, of Twin Pines Housing Trust

Meeting was called to order by Chair Altobelli at 7:40 pm

Approval of October minutes deferred.

Summer Park Senior Housing:

Discussed the progress of town and Dartmouth investigating the feasibility of a joint gym / ski facility at Oak Hill, which if it came to be might free up town owned land at 44 and 46 Lebanon Street for inclusion in the housing project. In that case, the maximum size of the project might be in the 60 units or less range.

Progress has been made, looking at a 25K sq foot gym plus 14K sq foot Ski facility, plus req'd parking.

Dartmouth is preparing draft zoning change proposal to allow indoor recreation facilities in Forest and Recreation Zones, aiming for Town Meeting May 2016 vote.

Town staff will be preparing cost estimate for infrastructure improvements needed: water, sewer, and bridge. This could be an issue.

Having the joint facility at Oak Hill, the gym would be closer to the elementary and middle schools, which might be more convenient for users and advantageous for the after school program. This opinion may not be held by all, so there will be an attempt to get citizen feedback on this location vs across from the High School this summer.

Ref Town Meeting approvals in May 2017, there is some complication in getting all approvals at once. The gym and its location must be approved, the current senior housing landholding transfer must be approved, and the two Lebanon Street properties transfer would want to be approved, but only if the gym is approved at the Oak Hill location.

In the meantime, Twin Pines will be able to monitor the situation and make general preparations, but needs to have a site decision on the gym before getting too specific.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Next meeting Jan 21, 2016, 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Don Derrick, Secretary