

Lenox Affordable Housing Committee

January 7, 2008

Minutes

Members present: Dave Klausmeyer (DK), Chair, Roscoe Sandlin (RS)), Theresa Ahrens (TA), Jo Anne Magee(JM), and Olga Weiss(OW)

Patty Quinn (PQ)and Kate McNulty-Vaughan (KV) absent with notification.

Also in attendance: Debbie Burke (DB) Mary Albertson (MA), Town Planner.

DK opened the meeting at 5:15 PM. Members reviewed the minutes and voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

DK attended the Berkshire Blue Print presentation and offered a brief report. He will give the handouts to MA to distribute to the members. DK also gave a brief report on the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and the Tri-Corner Alliance. He suggested that it would be positive if these organizations endorse our housing plan. A question was raised regarding housing programs in New York and Connecticut. Members are curious if they have mandates similar to 40 B.

DK noted that members were asked to complete homework assignments. Members were asked to review the information tables and housing options prepared by the sub-committee members. Members discussed which table to keep in the report and suggested changes to the tables.

Table 1 – Keep table. Explain the table findings with text.

Table 2 – Keep table. Add Berkshire County and Pittsfield. Define household.

Table 3 – Keep table. Add footnote explaining findings. Contact the Immigrant Center in Pittsfield for additional information on the Latino population.

Table 4 – Keep table. Add Berkshire County and reorganize.

Table 5 – Keep table. Add Berkshire County and Massachusetts. Add 1990 Census if available.

Table 6 – Keep table. Add 1990 Census if available.

Table 7 – Keep table. Add 1990 Census if available.

Table 8, 9 & 10 – Keep tables. MA to get TA December building permits. MA to work on getting dates for Cranwell permits to include as a footnote.

Table 11 – Keep table. Try to determine housing units that are under \$300,000. DK to talk to Mary Jo Piretti.

Table 12 – Keep table. Define household.

Table 13 – Keep table. Keep on update – okay otherwise.

Table 14 – Add Lenox #'s if possible.

MA will prepare information on low and moderate income housing numbers.

Members discussed the email Roscoe sent regarding personal property and second homeownership. MA suggested that personal property under \$5000 is not taxed so we

cannot assume that we have counted all the second homeowners based on personal property tax bills. She will discuss the exemption with Cris Roberts. Do Devonshire and Kimball Farms residents pay personal property taxes?

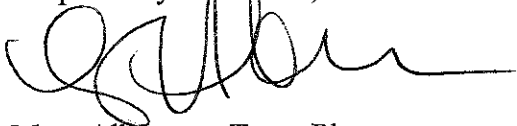
PQ was unable to attend the meeting tonight but left information regarding the Lenox Housing Authority properties. Members reviewed the information.

MA noted that she is working with the DHCD regarding the Peer-to-Peer contract.

The next meeting is January 28 and will be held in the Board of Selectmen Meeting Room. Members will discuss housing options homework at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Albertson', written over a horizontal line.

Mary Albertson, Town Planner

Approved: 2/11/08