

LONDONDERRY, NH - Housing Task Force

Minutes of the meeting on May 3, 2007 in the Sunnycrest Meeting Room

7:00 PM: Members Present:

John Michels, Chairman/At Large; Sean O'Keefe, Vice Chairman; Stacy Thrall; Mary Soares; Deb Lievens; George Herrmann; Jon Weigler, At Large; Al Baldasaro, At Large; Marty Bove, Ex-Officio

Staff Present: André Garron, John Vogl, Cathy Dirsa

A.Garron called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Member info was collected and is attached.

The initial discussions centered around providing affordable housing in Londonderry. The majority of the workforce can't find affordable housing in this town. Starter homes are hard to find. A.Garron suggested that we spend the first part of our sessions educating ourselves on the needs of the community. He suggested bringing in some guest speakers and/or having workshops. M.Soaes suggested addressing the zoning to provide for more density for building. J.Michels suggested defining a percentage for elderly, starter homes, etc. M.Bove said we also need to define what type of impact it will have on the schools, hospitals, police, fire, etc. M.Soaes said perhaps we should look at elderly housing that could change after 30 years if desired, because the demand may not exist in 30 years. M.Bove suggested mixed villages (i.e. elderly housing, starter homes, assisted living, etc). He suggested using the services of professions in training (i.e. nursing, doctors) at these mixed villages as part of their education. S.Thrall said she would definitely be interested in finding out more about using those services for the elderly. She also knows someone that would like to be a guest speaker at one of our meetings. M.Bove feels we should create agendas so we would be prepared for the discussions at the meetings. A.Garron said once we get to the end of compiling all the information we will need to make recommendations to the Board. M.Bove said one thing we will need to know is what our water and sewer capacity is and what it could be in the future. S.Thrall asked if we could look into making this a safer community by providing pathways, sidewalks, crosswalks, etc.

M.Soaes made a motion to nominate John Michels as Chairman, Deb Lievens seconded the motion. Vote on the motion 9-0-0.

M.Bove made a motion to nominate S.O'Keefe as Vice Chairman, Al Baldasaro seconded the motion. Vote on the motion 9-0-0.

M.Soaes would like see information on the following things before the next meeting:
Age Demographics, housing ;mix, housing mix by type, future development areas, zoning

A Garron suggested inviting Ben Frost as a speaker at our next meeting. *[This has been confirmed.]*

[Our meeting schedule will be discussed at the June 7 meeting.]

Adjournment:

M.Soaes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM. Seconded by G.Herman.
Meeting adjourned.

These minutes prepared by Cathy Dirsa, Planning Department Secretary.