

Minutes

North Stonington Affordable Housing Committee

April 24, 2014

Members Present: Mary Ann Ricker, Tim Pelland, Kristen Comstock
Member Absent: Tina DuBosque

Guest: Juliet Leeming

Location: Wheeler High School Media Center

Meeting was called to order by Co Chair Tim Pelland at 6:00 PM

By motion, the Minutes of March 27, 2014 were unanimously accepted as corrected.

Public Comment: Juliet Leeming attended a meeting on Connecticut enterprise regions sponsored by the Southeastern CT regional planning agency. The agency is updating its CEDS (CT Economic Development Sector) report, a list of goals and projects submitted by towns. The CEDS report is “a plus” if a town applies for state funds for a listed project, especially when that project is consistent with goals of the Southeastern CT Enterprise Region.

HUD Housing Rehabilitation Grant Contract. The contract was signed and delivered to Lisa Low & Associates. The completed application was submitted to HUD by the deadline. We received “Letters of Intent” from 45 potential applicants. Rental units approved for a grant would be deed restricted. Primary residence projects would not be deed restricted.

RFP Predevelopment Grant for Incentive Housing Regulations (\$20,000) is ready to go out. Notice must go in the paper. Hiring a contractor to do site work for the engineering analysis will follow. These steps are necessary for J.Leeming to draft the regulations. This grant must be used within its schedule to be eligible for future Department of Housing funds.

Meadowcourt : No report

“White Board” Video: Viewed by members. This can be run as a “loop” on Comcast in May. If people catch it part way through it will repeat so they can see it all. NS AFC co-chairs Ricker and Pelland may provide opening and closing statements to work with Comcast time slots available.

We will see if the video can be hooked to a link with the NS town web site.

Funding for this project needs to be “retrieved” for the mobile display.

Mary Ann Ricker will write the Board of Finance requesting that NS AFC have its own line item in the budget for practical purposes. The current listing under the

Economic Development Commission means NSAFC has to request funds via EDC. This could require an extra meeting for EDC at which a quorum must be present, plus an extra meeting for at least one NSAHC member. Then EDC would need to request the funds from the Board of Finance, with an NSAFC member present to answer questions. . It would be more efficient for NSAHC to deal directly with the Board of Finance.

Foreclosure Issues:

Flow Chart of notification was discussed. Tax Collector, Board of Selectmen, NSAHC, Planning & Zoning, and Town Planner (to check on health and safety issues) must all be in the process. Sequencing and formatting the flow need refinement.

101A Anthony Road has reverted to the Town. Julie Savin of Neighborworks has notified NSAHC that her organization is still interested in the property.

New Business: Cindy Faucher has notified NSAHC that she would be happy to show the committee the affordable housing units she manages near the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. All committee members are interested in seeing them.

NEXT MEETING May 22, 2014 6:00 PM Wheeler High School Media Center

Agenda completed and without further new business. A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Pelland dismissed the meeting at 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted
Kristen A. Comstock
Recording Secretary