

North Stonington Affordable Housing Committee

Minutes

December 18, 2014

Location: Wheeler High School Library

- 1) Members Present: Mary Ann Ricker, Tim Pelland, Tina Dubosque, Paul Bliven
Kristen Comstock
- 2) Guests Present: Selectman Mark Donahue, Juliet Hodge, Robert Mayne
Chairman Tim Pelland called the meeting to order at 6:08PM.
Minutes of 11/20/14 were ratified as written.
- 3) Public Comment: Selectman Donahue was updated on rehab possibilities for 101A Anthony Rd. It could qualify for funds through the town's HUD grant, and Neighborworks could undertake the rehab if the Selectmen will determine its disposition. It did not sell at auction. If the Selectmen address disposition three goals are met:
 - 1) The property could be returned to taxable status,
 - 2) Neighborhood blight would be corrected, and
 - 3) A qualified Affordable Housing Unit for sale to an income eligible buyer would be created, visible progress in housing stock.Committee members will attend the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss this property again. There are other foreclosures pending in town. The town is notified by banks involved. The Committee would like to avoid a repeat of the prolonged situation at Anthony Rd. Timely response following bank foreclosure might allow the town to rehab/convert units to affordable housing status from existing foreclosed stock. This committee will supply a monthly progress report to all three Selectmen.
- 4) HUD Housing Rehab grant. Twelve applications received thus far. Application process remains open until all funds are allocated, a fact which should be publicized as winter can create emergency needs.
- 5) A "boiler plate" deed restriction was sent to Attys. Eppinger and Avena for review.
- 6) Milone and MacBroom is proceeding to phase 2 (Incentive Regs.) of their contract.
- 7) Mobile Display can be shown again in 2015. Locations will be determined.
- 8) It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed to recommend Robert Mayne to the Board of Selectmen for appointment to the Affordable Housing Committee. Mary Ann Ricker will forward the written request.
- 9) Calendar for 2015 Meetings will be posted, with adjustments for Nov&Dec holidays.

NEXT MEETING: Thurs. JANUARY 22, 2015, 6:00PM, Wheeler High School Library

Agenda items and new business complete, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Pelland at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted, Kristen Comstock, Recording Secretary