

Affordable Housing Committee Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2008

Present: Tom Hyland, Jim Kelley, Alisa Morrison, Tim Murney, Carol Umphlett, Jason Vincent of Planimetrics.
Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Jason Vincent reported that Planimetrics has completed the scope of the work per the agreement between the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and Planimetrics. Jim Kelley made the motion to authorize payment of \$4,000 and Tom Hyland seconded the motion. Discussed the possibility of engaging Planimetrics for future work and if so they will send us a letter of agreement. Planimetrics will send us an invoice for the \$4,000 balance. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussed the process for a Planning and Zoning hearing to consider the Affordable Housing Plan for adoption. The Board of Selectmen will have the choice of whether to hold a public hearing or not before the plan is presented to Planning and Zoning. Jim Kelley said that if the Board of Selectmen holds a public hearing that it could be a good opportunity for positive publicity. There is no fee for the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to submit the plan to Planning and Zoning for consideration. Discussed asking the Stonington Director of Planning, Bill Haase, to submit the application to Planning and Zoning. Discussed the required number of copies of the Plan to be submitted. Jim Kelley made the motion to approve up to \$500 for the printing of 15 copies. Tom Hyland seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The process will begin with Alisa Morrison submitting the Plan to Bill Haase or the Town Planner, Keith Brynes, by July 11, 2008 so that with 65 days for review, the Plan can be presented at the October 7, 2008 Planning and Zoning meeting. The Committee needs to get supporters to the Planning and Zoning meeting – meet at 7 p.m. before the start of the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Jason Vincent suggested recruiting community groups to be at the Planning and Zoning meeting – **faith-based**, i.e. United Action; **civic**, i.e. local chambers of commerce (Eastern CT, Mystic, and Westerly-Pawcatuck); **social service**, i.e. Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, MASH, YMCA; **major employers**, i.e. Charlie Glew, Stonington Public Schools Superintendent Mike McKee and school principals.

Tim Murney offered to contact local daily and weekly newspaper editorial staff to ask them to review the Plan and write an opinion/editorial. Jim Kelley will ask to have the former version of the Plan replaced with the newest version on the town web site. Jim Kelley will also send a copy of the power point presentation to the Committee. Jim Kelley will give Paul Holland a copy of the Plan.

Tom Hyland praised Jason Vincent for a job well done on the presentation at the public information session.

Discussed the need to have our next meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 to continue preparing for the Planning and Zoning approval process. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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