

Affordable Housing Committee Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2008

Present: Jane Dauphinais of SECT Housing Alliance, Marcella Hyland of LISC, Tom Hyland, Jim Kelley, Alisa Morrison, Tim Murney, Carol Umphlett, Jason Vincent of Planimetrics.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

The committee reviewed and discussed the Affordable Housing Plan draft page by page. Revisions were made more to strengthen and clarify language and organization than change substance. As a spin off of modifying language on strategies for providing affordable housing for the elderly, the committee briefly discussed the impact of the baby boom generation when it reaches old age and the need to address the possibility that some people may out live their retirement savings and investments.

With regards to the recent survey conducted by the committee and incorporating the responses into the affordable housing plan, it was agreed to explain how the survey was conducted and that it was a self-selected survey as opposed to a random survey.

Marcella Hyland suggested that the plan focus should include the promotion of green building of affordable homes since they would be more energy efficient and less costly to heat and power making them even more affordable.

Tom Hyland moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Jim Kelley seconded. No discussion. All approved.

Discussed the need to prepare for the public information presentation of the plan draft in June. Alisa Morrison will look for a location. Jason Vincent will prepare a power point presentation. What sort of literature will the committee distribute? Jane Dauphinais suggested that we advertise, and distribute flyers to the local libraries. It was agreed to give the Board of Selectmen a practice presentation in May.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 7 p.m.