Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes July 14, 2009

Present were committee members Tom Hyland, Jim Kelley, and Alisa Morrison. Also present: Carol Umphlett

Meeting called to order at 7:25 p.m.

Tom Hyland made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Alisa Morrison seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Alisa reported on her conversation with Mike Washington from DOT re: the armory property. The group discussed its availability and the feasibility of obtaining the property for a project site. Tom Hyland added that Governor Rell has rescinded the prior practice of offering state property to towns.

The senior housing project that First Selectman Haberek presented at last month's meeting was discussed. The committee discussed the project and possible site issues. Jim Kelley asked Carol Umphlett to find out from the property manager at Stonington Arms about the possibility of a special meeting with Steve Protulis from EHDOC to discuss how the committee can help with this project.

Other possible sites for affordable housing projects were discussed. Tom Hyland said that Jane Dauphinais had three suggestions, which included the Mystic Color Lab property, the old Sailor Ed's building, and the inclusion of an affordable housing aspect to the project at the Perkins Farm. Carol Umphlett asked about the past interest a property on Mechanic Street and offered to contact the rental agent to see if the property in question is still on the market. The group discussed the pros and cons of all of these sites.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 13, 2009 at 7 p.m.