Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes May 11, 2010

Present were committee members: Jim Kelley and Tom Hyland. Absent: Tiffney Emery Also present: Jane Dauphinais, Carol Umphlett, and Glee McAnanly of the Board of Selectmen.

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Motion was made by Jim Kelley to approve the November 2009 minutes. Seconded by Tom Hyland; motion carried.

Jim Kelley mentioned the resignation of Alisa Morrison from the committee and suggested a proclamation honoring her for founding and chairing the committee and for working to raise the awareness of affordable housing issues in Stonington. Jim will write and present to Selectmen's office for approval.

Elections: Motion was made by Jim Kelley to elect Tom Hyland Chair, seconded by Tom Hyland and carried. Motion made by Tom Hyland to elect Jim Kelley as Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer; seconded by Jim Kelley; motion carried.

The group discussed promoting membership on the committee. Glee McAnanly said she knew someone that is interested. Placing an ad in the newspaper was also discussed.

Old business:

Committee discussed a plan to present four strategy issues from the Stonington Housing Affordability Report to PZC as items they could agree to work on:

- 1. Sponsor education programs for first time home buyers and real estate professionals to encourage the utilization of CHFA and FmHA loan programs (#10, page 36).
- 2. Focus on providing affordable housing elderly residents (#15, page 36).
- 3. Provide incentives to convert existing accessory apartments into deed restricted units (#8, page 36).
- 4. Utilize Incentive Housing Zone Tool (#13, page 36).

The committee discussed speaking to Bill Haas and/or Ed Haberek about this and Jim Kelley said he would contact the Selectmen's office to schedule a time to meet with both of them. Jane Dauphinais and Tom Hyland would like to be present as well.

There being no other business to discuss, Jim Kelley made a motion to adjourn; Tom Hyland seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Kelley Secretary