Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes January 4, 2011

Present were committee members: Jim Kelley and Tom Hyland. Absent: Tiffinay Emery. Also present: Beth-Ann Stewart and Carol Umphlett from Human Services, and Nancy MacMillan

Meeting called to order at 4:05 by Chairman Hyland.

Vice Chairman Kelley presented minutes from the last meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Kelley, seconded by Tom Hylland and approved as amended (correcting the spelling of Ed Planeta's name).

Jim Kelley mentioned that a town citizen suggested a new potential committee member. Tom Hyland said that he would call him.

Jim Kelley made a motion to submit a budget of \$6,500 for the 2012 fiscal year; seconded by Tom Hyland. Discussion ensued and the motion passed unanimously.

Tom Hyland asked Jim Kelley if the Board of Education has gotten back to him yet in reference to the West Vine Street property adjacent to the school. Jim said it had not.

The group discussed sending a letter to the Board of Selectmen proposing a study of town owned properties and strategic land use – to examine the properties and determine how they can be used productively. Tom Hyland offered to write this letter. Beth Stewart suggested the group organize a time when the Board of Education and other groups can meet to discuss forming an ad hoc committee to start the research.

Tom Hyland asked about other land options for affordable housing. Jim Kelley said he had a discussion with Selectman Haberek about this, but has not heard back from him as yet.

Under other business, Beth Stewart mentioned a grant that MASH has applied for. Discussion ensued. Jim Kelley told Nancy MacMillan that he would get a copy of the Affordable Housing Report for her.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Kelley, seconded by Tom Hyland, passed and adjourned at 4:55PM.

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