

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2011

Present were committee members: Tiffinay Emery, Jim Kelley, and Tom Hyland. Also present: Carol Umphlett, Christine Devine of LISC, Ed Haberek and 5 Stonington High School Students

Meeting called to order at 4:07 pm.

Motion was made by Jim Kelley to approve the January 4, 2011 minutes. Seconded by Tom Hyland; motion passed unanimously.

Jim Kelley explained the mission and purpose of the AHAC to the Stonington high School students. Christine Devine explained what she does at LISC.

The committee discussed the interest of a new, private developer, in possibly building an elderly affordable housing project in town. Tom Hyland raised the issue of finding available town owned land and the committee discussed potential development sites.

Tom Hyland reported that in response to his January request to take part in a town-wide land use committee, he was informed that a committee will be forming soon. Ed Haberek told the AHAC that he hopes to have a new committee ready this summer to look at not just land-use but conservation and development. He stated members of the AHAC will be invited to join.

The group then discussed other possible projects including a potential 50 plus rental unit development in Pawcatuck that will have 20% affordable housing; possible changes in the use of school land and buildings that could lead to the development of affordable housing on the West Vine Street School property; and whether the housing authority would be willing and/or able to expand.

Jim Kelley asked Ed Haberek about the AHAC budget proposal. Mr. Haberek explained that the AHAC will not be funded in the budget but there are funds available to the AHAC for technical and professional services.

The committee discussed ways to recruit new members, particularly from the business community and from the elderly community.

Jim Kelley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:03, Tom Hyland seconded; motion carried meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jim Kelley
Vice Chair