

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2012

Present were committee members: Jim Kelley, Betty Henry, and Tom Hyland. Also present: Christine Devine, Carol Umphlett, and Stonington high school students.

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

Motion made to approve November 2011 minutes by Jim Kelley; seconded by Betty Henry; motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Budget for fy2013- A \$6500 allocation request was passed on to Kristen Bell in the Selectman's office by Jim Kelley. On checking back, Kristen told him that an amount of \$500 was submitted to the Board of Finance in the Selectman's budget request.

Jim Kelley announced that he has submitted a request in writing to be a member of the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The group discussed the POCD and issues relevant to both the POCD and the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. The group also discussed the article in *The Day* in which Beth Stewart, Human Services Director, presented her annual "State-of-the-Youth" report to the Board of Education, which focused on "the incredible divide" between the rich and the poor in Stonington, the increased participation of residents in state programs, and the increasing need for affordable housing. Betty Henry asked for a copy of the report; Carol Umphlett said that she would request this from Beth Stewart.

Old Business

The Rt.1 residential development project was discussed. Correspondence to Tom Hyland from Julie Savin from Neighborhood Works/New Horizons – reported that wetlands approval has been attained, the traffic study is done, and they hope to have it on PZC's 3/20/12 agenda. She will be meeting with Senator Maynard within a few days. Christine Devine said that a member of LISC is putting a packet together for funding. Betty Henry suggested that committee members should make a point to speak favorably about this project and in an effort to rally support

The committee discussed membership. The group discussed strategies for acquiring new members. Betty Henry asked about church groups. Tom Hyland asked Betty Henry to speak to her contact concerning a possible member that had shown an interest. Betty Henry said she would ask Ed about putting something on the town's website and also suggested Patch.com.

Tom Hyland said that he spoke to Luann Reynolds about the sale of Brookside Village. She told him that it has been for sale for a long time now, and feels that it will remain a subsidized housing facility when sold.

Tom Hyland said he will be out of town for the next meeting. Group discussed and decided to cancel the March meeting. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

Having no other business to discuss, motion to adjourn was made by Betty Henry, seconded by Tom Hyland, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Kelley
Acting Secretary