Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes May 1, 2012

Present were committee members: Jim Kelley, Betty Henry, and Tom Hyland. Also present: Christine Devine, Carol Umphlett, and two Stonington High School Students

Meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm by Chairman Hyland.

Motion made to approve April 2012 minutes by Jim Kelley; seconded by Betty Henry; motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Jim Kelley stated that the recommended budget for 2013 does reflect the \$500 for this committee. He also is optimistic that the budget will pass at referendum. Christine Devine asked if it is earmarked for anything specific. Jim said no.

Tom Hyland passed out information for the group from 4/13 conference in Hartford on retaining young professionals in CT, sponsored by the CT Partnership for Strong Communities that he mentioned at last month's meeting.

Christine Devine asked Betty Henry about her comment from last month's meeting about another project. Betty said that Ed Haberek announced at the DTC meeting that they are looking into the possibility of another senior affordable housing project in Pawcatuck, but that there have not been any updates from him.

New Business

The 100-102 South Broad Street residential development project was discussed. Tom Hyland said that this is now on the PZC agenda for June 5th. He said he hopes that this committee and as many others as possible will attend.

Jim Kelley informed the group that he will be interviewed by PZC for a position on the committee to update the POCD tonight (5/1/12) at 6pm.

Betty Henry commented on items in the proposed budget with regard to median income and asked about the differences in the figures in a number of different reports and articles. Tom and Jim both explained that differences may relate to different census years and reports and suggested that there may also be differences between local and "area" median income figures. She asked for clarification on certain parts of the Affordable Housing Report in an effort to discuss this accurately at tomorrow's Commission on Aging meeting.

Membership- Betty Henry said that she sent an email to Ed Haberek requesting that he put something on the town website soliciting new members of this committee, but has not seen anything to date. She asked Tom Hyland if he felt it would be appropriate to send something to the members of the DTC. He suggested she ask the chair. Jim Kelley will also ask the chair of the Uplands Group to announce the same. Betty asked Carol Umphlett about other email groups that could be asked. Carol suggested asking members of the Commission on Aging to spread the

word that the committee is looking for members. Tom Hyland asked Carol Umphlett to ask Beth Stewart if something could go into the program guide. Carol said she would ask. Tom asked Jim to type up a short piece, if ok with Beth.

Having no other business to discuss, motion to adjourn was made by Jim Kelley, seconded by Tom Hyland, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Kelley Vice Chair