

**Affordable Housing Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 3, 2013**

Present were committee members: Jim Kelley, Tom Hyland, Maura Bonafede, and Tina Huard. Also present were Christine Devine, Elaine Schmidt, Ed Haberek, and Carol Umphlett. Invited guests were Frank Todisco, Chairman of the BOE, and School Superintendent Dr. Van Riley.

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

**Motion made to approve September 2013 minutes** by Jim Kelley with the amendment that member Tina Huard was present; seconded by Maura Bonafede; motion passed unanimously.

Introductions were made by all present for the benefit of guests from the BOE, Dr. Van Riley and Frank Todisco. Tom Hyland and Jim Kelley explained the vision and goals of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC), as well as the proposed affordable housing projects including the feasibility of the property adjacent to West Vine Street School. Discussion ensued.

**New Business**

Tom Hyland reminded the committee that one of the corporations he manages acted as the fiduciary for the money from the development of the Affordable Housing Report and asked that a bank account be opened for the remainder of this money. Jim Kelley made a motion that the committee opens a bank account for this purpose; Tina Huard seconded; passed unanimously.

The upcoming budget deliberations warrant the discussion of an amount to request for the FY2015 budget. Jim Kelley made a motion that the committee request \$1,000.00 for next year's budget; Tina Huard seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

Jim Kelley stated that he sent an email to Bill Bellock for an update on the status of the Moss Farms project, who replied that he is waiting to hear from Ed Haberek. Ed stated that they have a meeting next week, but that Bill Bellock does not want to proceed due to the negative feedback from the abutting neighborhood.

An update on other potential projects were also discussed. Ed stated that there are two potential developers interested in the grain mill property. Jim asked Ed for an update on the thread mill. Discussion ensued. Jim Kelley assured Ed Haberek that AHAC is interested in any properties that might come available. Tom Hyland asked Ed about the Church Street property, federal property that used to be an armory. Elaine Schmidt offered that the Commissioner of Housing is very interested in developing housing.

Hearing no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jim Kelley, seconded by Maura Bonafede, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Kelley  
Vice Chairman