

January 12, 2009 Minutes of housing partnership

The meeting was called to order by Mary Antes. Present were Mary Antes, Kathy Boundy, Dan Brown, and Maddie Sifantus. Dan moved and Kathy seconded a motion to approve the minutes of December 8, 2008. The vote was unanimous.

There was discussion of the parcel of land in the Riverview Circle area that the Park and Recreation Commission declined to declare surplus. Maddie said that she thought we would be more successful if we built a coalition of supporters for a Habitat house and provided more public education. She suggested contacting the Wayland to Waveland group and the Sudbury Habitat group to learn from their experiences. She agreed to talk with the Clergy Group at their February meeting. Mary offered to help her with a public education and coalition-building campaign. Members thought a Letter to the Editor requesting donations of land couldn't hurt.

Dan will call Stevie Spina to see if she might be interested in joining the Partnership. Stevie attended the meeting with Park and Rec and is working on the Sudbury Habitat house.

There were no volunteers to apply for a position on the Master Plan Review Committee.

The Barton 40B project is nearing the end of ZBA hearing. The next meeting is Thursday, January 15th.

Mary reported that she has attended the last two meetings of the HOME Consortium, a consortium of 12 communities around Wayland who receive money from HUD for affordable housing purposes. Becoming a member is one of the WHP action step. Wayland has requested membership in the past but has never been invited to attend. Newton serves as convener and staff to the consortium. The director sent Mary the HUD regulations governing opening the consortium agreement to admit new members. He said he thought it unlikely that the group would accept a new member but suggested what should be in a letter requesting membership. Dan moved and Maddie seconded a motion to write a letter requesting membership; the motion passed unanimously. Mary will also talk with the Housing Authority about the consortium.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28.