

minutes Feb 9, 2009 Housing Partnership

Present were Mary Antes, Kathy Boundy, Rachel Bratt, Marty Nichols, Betty Salzberg, Maddie Sifantus.

Betty forgot to bring the minutes from January, so we will put approval of both January and February minutes on the agenda in March.

Rachel volunteered to write an article for the Crier about the progress made in affordable units in Wayland when the information is available. Betty will ask Dan Bennett for details of which units have been claimed with the state. She already wrote email to Mark Lanza on this subject. Betty will also get updates on statistics: total amount of units in town, total amount of affordable units so far, total new units. Kathy and Rachel said they would check the state regulations. (Is it 0.5% per year?)

The Scippa project should be having a lottery soon. Beth Rust of Sudbury would handle it. Marty asked about the deed rider for Scippa.

Betty will contact Nike site developers to make sure they are listing available units on appropriate state websites.

There will be a Habitat meeting 7:30 pm April 15 in the senior center with the group volunteering for the Sudbury habitat house.

Mary thinks there is a possibility we can get some land from the Road Commission on Stonebridge Road for a Habitat house in Wayland. She will continue to pursue this. (Note: the Road Commission will disappear when DPW starts.)

Betty will contact the Planning Board about the new housing plan needed. This is Planning Board responsibility, but it is not on their radar now and the town is missing a town planner.

Mary asked that the problems with the Willowbrook development affordable units be revisited. She will send information to Kathy and Kathy will communicate with Mark Lanza. It has been difficult to get action on this unfortunate situation. One "affordable" unit has been rented at market rates without paying market-rate taxes or market-rate condo fees. Another owner borrowed at market rate and then was foreclosed. The deed riders were not tight enough.

Mary explained how the Housing Authority handles section 8's. Wayland is allotted around 75 of them and people who get them can use them for supplementing rent in approved privately-owned apartments anywhere in the state. The housing authority also owns some units and subsidizes families in them, but this is not part of the section 8 program.