

Minutes Housing Partnership June 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm. Present were Mary Antes, Rachel Bratt, Kathy Boundy, Marty Nichols and Betty Salzberg.

The minutes of May 3, 2010 were approved.

Betty Salzberg was reelected chair unanimously.

No members present except the chair wished to have their phone numbers or email addresses on the town webpage. The chair will submit her phone number.

A public hearing to discuss a draft of the new Housing Production Plan being written by the Planning Board is to be held. Mary Antes suggested that this be postponed until September. The committee felt that they needed to be able to read and discuss the Draft before the public meeting and that there would be criticism of having public hearings during summer. Meanwhile, Wayland is not in compliance with the state for obtaining credit for progress with affordable housing because no current Housing Production Plan is certified. The previous plan expired in March, 2010.

Rachel moved that our meetings start at 7:45 instead of 7:30 from now on. This was seconded by Marty and passed unanimously. It has been difficult for Kathy to arrive by 7:30.

Rachel moved that Betty take a poll by email of attendance for each meeting and if a quorum would not commit by 6pm of the day of the meeting that the meeting be canceled at that time. This was seconded by Marty and passed unanimously.

Betty is to contact John Thomas to see if he wishes to continue as a member. Rachel is to contact David Wong. Neither John nor David has been attending meetings.

Mary reported that a site visit for the Stonebridge property voted to be transferred to Habitat at the town meeting will take place soon. There are some problems with the line of sight at the entrance and these must be settled. Also, the Fish and Wildlife people do not want to do any land swap (it is too complicated) so the boundaries must take this into account.

Fred Turkington will be meeting this month with state representatives about the grant proposal for the Doran Road feasibility study. The state was aware of the Doran Road neighbors campaign to transfer the land so as to exclude housing. Thus, the state was initially hesitant to approve the grant.

If the feasibility study is to take place, the Doran Road neighbors should be involved. In particular, it may be in their interest to be able to leverage housing funds to help

them with septic problems associated with the Pond. As it now stands, it is difficult for Pond abutters to sell their houses due to the Title Five requirements and their small plots, which may not support traditional septic systems. A septic plant connected with the housing project could be a benefit to the Pond and its residents. The feasibility study could clarify this issue.

The proposed meetings with Tom Fay and Doran Road neighbors about the article in the Fall Warrant to establish a Housing Trust have not yet taken place. Everyone seems in favor of having a Trust. Questions remain as to its composition and limits on borrowing.

The meeting ended at 9:00.

Betty Salzberg