

Minutes Housing Partnership August 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm. Present were Mary Antes, Kathy Boundy, Dan Brown, Betty Salzberg, Maddie Sifantus and John Thomas.

Dan moved to approve the minutes of July 12, 2010. Kathy seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Dan moved to support the resolution supporting efforts to stop the repeal of 40B. Kathy seconded and the vote was unanimous. Dan remains unhappy that 40B does not address the needs of seniors who have little income but whose home ownership equity precludes them from affordable housing. Kathy explained that 40B housing was not meant to help seniors, but to help first time home owners and people who had no other options.

Mary reported that the Massachusetts Housing Partnership was picking the firm to do the feasibility study for the Doran Road parcel project. Three members of WV4RLU, the neighbors association, were in the audience and indicated that they had not been told that the process for picking the firm would be different this time.

Last time, a town committee had been formed to pick the firm to do the feasibility study, but did not do so in time for a funding deadline. There is a good chance that the Massachusetts Housing Partnership will pick the same firm (Mostue) picked earlier by the town to do the study. Mary indicated that the town will probably be asked to provide information about the parcel to the firm chosen. Mike Lowery, in the audience, indicated that he wanted to know how a proposed septic system or small package plant would affect Dudley Pond. This should be part of the feasibility study.

Meetings are ongoing about wording for a Housing Trust article to be placed in the Fall Town Meeting. Betty has been attending these meetings.

The Habitat House project is going forward. Mary said that the land use committee of the town will be meeting on site. She has met with Hank (of Habitat House), Harriet LeBow, Sarkis, and Fred.

Mary will inform Maddie in the Fall when the clergy can begin to get involved in the Habitat House project.

A general discussion about the Draft Housing Production Plan followed. Rachel had indicated in an email that she was most concerned about the lack of zoning in Wayland for multifamily housing and our lack of a list of specific parcels that would be suitable for meeting the town's housing needs.

Dan suggested that all project names in the Housing Production Plan, be identified by location and by other names used in town. For example, Commonwealth Residences is also known as the Kathryn Barton Nursing Home site and the Nike site is also called 89 Oxbow. Maddie asked that these names be placed in the glossary.

Maddie indicated that the Metrowest IHN (interfaith housing) does not belong in the plan as it is used for homeless families temporarily housed in churches.

John suggested that information about adults with disabilities can be counted as 40B affordable housing if they are in special group housing. The state department of Developmental Services could give us the number of such adults in Wayland and this could be added to our inventory. Although it is likely to be a small number, every such adult (or every bed) counts as one housing unit.

The meeting ended at about 9 pm

Betty Salzberg