

Minutes Housing Partnership – November 8, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm.

Present: Mary Antes, Rachel Bratt, Dan Brown, Marty Nichols, Betty Salzberg, and Maddie Sifantus.

Absent: Kathy Boundy and Maxine Weintraub

Minutes taken by Rachel Bratt

Meeting called to order at 7:50pm

Betty announced that John Thomas has resigned from the committee, which means that the committee is one person short.

The minutes from our last meeting, October 12, 2010 were not available to review. Kathy Boundy had taken the notes.

Rachel Bratt, with input from Mary and Betty, provided an update on the meeting that she attended with Betty and Mary on Nov. 1, with Selectman Tom Fay and Fred Turkington. The meeting concerned the committee's decision at our October meeting to request that the \$35,000 grant from the Mass Housing Partnership be utilized, instead of asking the town for the full \$75,000 for the Dudley Area Land Study, as specified in Article 7. The committee voted unanimously to not propose an amendment at the Special Town Meeting next week, which would reduce the amount specified in Article 7 down to \$40,000, if we are provided with several assurances from the Board of Selectmen. Since our overriding concern is to ensure that if the land can support housing development, while also sensitively dealing with the other major concerns of the town and the neighbors, that housing will, indeed, get built there. Therefore, the committee is asking the Board of Selectmen to do the following:

- Provide the Wayland Housing Partnership with the opportunity to review and comment on the draft Request for Proposals prior to your sending it to potential consultants who would be responsible for carrying out the feasibility study; and
- Give us their assurance that if the consultant report indicates that the site can support housing development, that the Board of Selectmen will support this position, even if members of the neighborhood and/or the recommendations of the proposed Dudley Area Advisory Committee do not recommend housing development. In view of the Board of Selectmen's position in support of affordable housing, we hope that this request will be viewed as consistent with the Board's overall perspective.

Rachel Bratt agreed to draft this letter which will be signed by Betty and sent to Tom Fay and Fred Turkington.

Betty announced that Susan Connelly from the Massachusetts Housing Partnership will attend the next meeting of the Wayland Housing Partnership.

Betty noted that if Article 7 is approved, the WHP will need to recommend to the selectmen someone to serve on the new Dudley Area Advisory Committee. She nominated Rachel Bratt to do that. The vote was unanimous and Rachel agreed to serve.

Mary suggested that it would be a good idea to send a letter to the Town Crier to thank Wayland residents for voting No on Question 2. Rachel Bratt agreed to do that.

There was a brief discussion about the need to suggest to Rep. Tom Conroy that the asset limit be increased for seniors who would like to move into a 40B development. Several members of the committee noted that the current asset limit of **\$75,000** is too low.

Mary proposed that Rachel follow up with the person from Tina Brooks' office (DHCD) about the Assistant Secretary's interest in holding a meeting in Wayland. That meeting had been put on hold due to the November election. Rachel agreed to do that.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm