

WAYLAND HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

Minutes – February 13, 2012

Submitted by Rachel G. Bratt

Unanimously approved- March 19, 2012

Attending: Mary Antes, Kathy Boundy, Rachel Bratt, Dan Brown, Maddie Sifantus

Meeting called to order at 7:48

1. Mary moved to approved minutes of January 17, 2012
Seconded by Kathy. Unanimously approved.
2. Membership--Ideas for new members? Note that WHP vacancies are now listed on town website. Maddie is still working on getting names of people from various congregations' social action committees. She will also try to think about other from the Interfaith Housing Network.

Mary will contact Deidre Robinson from Wayland Housing Associates and John McGah

3. Update on idea of having a joint meeting with WHA to plan a strategy for creating an affordable housing trust, Mary Antes; no meeting set up yet.
4. Update on interior finish issue at Wayland Commons, Marty Nichols (not present at meeting so not discussed)
5. Report on Habitat House meetings, Mary Antes and Maddie Sifantus
Mary reminded us that \$356,000 is earmarked from Community Preservation Fund; \$150,000 of is to be provided up-front; the remainder would come as matching funds.

She announced that about 10-12 foundation blocks for the Habitat houses have been sold and there has been quite a bit of interest in this project. Someone has offered to do landscape design work. From Habitat, Gifford Perry (construction manager) and Mike Sullivan (design engineer) are involved with the project. Mary suggested that we invite the former to a meeting; she will send Rachel an email with his information and Rachel will invite him.

6. Update on other development projects
Wayland Forrest project appears to be moving forward.
7. Report from DAAC representative, Rachel Bratt
Possibility of a compromise plan, suggested by Kent Greenawalt. A portion of the site would be set aside for housing, but it would only be built upon if the town was not making a certain level of progress toward the 10% goal.
8. Jay Sherry, petitioner of warrant article to reduce CPA to .1% -- 8:15-8:45 pm
Mr. Sherry presented his reasoning behind the warrant article and some written information that he had compiled on how Community Preservation funds have been utilized by the town. His overall argument is that a relatively small portion of the revenues collected have been spent. He does not view money that is earmarked, but not actually spent, as an expenditure. He questions why the rate of spending has been quite flat. After 11 years, he feels it is timely to look at the program. Several members voiced disagreement with his perspective.

9. Goals for WHP

The feeling of committee members is that our primary focus right now should be on defeating the warrant article that would reduce the CPA surcharge.

10. Agenda items for next meeting?

Possibility of arranging a meeting with Community Preservation Committee. Next meeting scheduled for March 19, rather than March 12.

11. Other new business

Members felt that a meeting with the Community Preservation Committee, as well as with other key town boards, would be advisable.

Mary suggested that we may want to explore who from the FinCom is writing up their position on the CPA article. Rachel said she would get more information about whether the warrant article is legal and will definitely be included on Town Meeting warrant. Also, there was a question about whether a majority TM vote would trigger another townwide election, as occurred when the CPA surcharge was adopted.

Dan moved to adjourn at 9:26; seconded by Maddie.