

WAYLAND HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

Minutes – January 10, 2017

Submitted by Rachel G. Bratt

Unanimously approved, February 14, 2017

Attending: Mary Antes, Joanne Barnett, Kathy Boundy, Rachel Bratt, Chris Di Bona, Pat Harlan, Stephanie May, Armine Roat, Jennifer Steel

At 7:40 Rachel called the meeting to order.

Rachel welcomed Jennifer Steel as the new official member of WHP; she will be representing the Wayland Housing Authority.

The first item on the agenda, a meeting with Brian Boggia, Executive Director of the Wayland Housing Authority, was cancelled. Brian did not attend since HUD has not yet approved the Town's request to increase the number of units on two WHA scattered site properties.

Minutes of Decemer 13: Several corrections were made. Mary moved to accept as corrected. Jennifer seconded. Unanimously approved.

40B Process in Wayland: We briefly discussed the importance of the Town having an updated, concise overview of the 40B process.

➤ Mary, Joanne, and Jennifer volunteered to work on a revised draft of the existing memo. As the minutes to the Dec. 13 meeting noted: Mary indicated that “she thought the document was written by the WHP, perhaps in 2007, likely based on state guidelines. It would be good for the actual statute/regs. to be cited explicitly... Once our committee drafts a new document, we will then bring it to the joint housing committee for their approval.”

Housing Goals for Wayland – Jennifer presented the document that she and Susan Weinstein had written in December 2016. The goal is to produce a short, concise document that spells out the housing needs and goals, along with actionable steps. The committee feels strongly that a key next step is to develop a list of developable sites. The WRAP committee is supposed to be working on this, with a report expected in June. We need to better understand the possible availability of town-owned land for affordable housing. We are committed to being the most effective advocates for housing that we can be. How can we be more pro-active about proposing possible affordable housing development?

- Jennifer said she will look for the MAPC's build-out plan for Wayland.
- Mary will contact the Alf Barry, Town Surveyor, and Brendan Decker, GIS expert to see if we can access maps delineating available land.

Committee members noted that an important problem facing the use of undeveloped land is the amount of wetlands and conservation areas and the lack of Town sewer.

We decided not to do any further work on the goals document for the time being. It was acknowledged that it was a good step, but that more work would be required to get it into shape to be used and disseminated more broadly.

We postponed updates on current affordable housing projects in Town.

Next meeting of WHP: February 14 @ 7:30

At 9:00 Armine made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joanne.