



Affordable Housing Committee

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Meeting Minutes - January 7, 2015

- Approved 2/04/15 -

Committee Members Present: Rocky Martin, Carl Bohlen, Julie Pierson, Andrea Brainard, and Dale Wernhoff.

The meeting came to order at approximately 7:10 PM.

Efficiency Vermont Mobile Home Efficiency Coach Program

We discussed compiling the energy usage information for the three remaining units from the program. Rocky will be able to obtain it from the fuel suppliers thanks to the release forms the homeowners signed. One unit from the original six did report very high electrical usage which we were going to investigate. Andrea is going to contact a local electrician to see if he can do an energy audit. The committee has funds to cover this.

Planning Commission Town Plan Update

The Hinesburg Planning Commission is requesting comments from town committees regarding updates to the plan applicable to the individual committees. In the "Population and Housing" section there are a couple areas mentioning affordable housing. Carl will send us this section so we can each read it and make notes. We'll go over these at the next meeting and forward them to the Planning Commission.

Haystack Crossing and Hinesburg Center Phase II

We need to review the latest versions of both projects and decide if we need to provide any comments to the Development Review Board. We had provided comments on the original Haystack Crossing plan but we need to see how the revisions to both plans will affect any affordable housing components. Rocky will get an update on both projects from the town Planning and Zoning office.

Green Street and Kelley's Field VCDP Projects

Carl provided updates on these two projects, which were both awarded Vermont Community Development Program grants. The Green Street project was awarded their funding in December while Kelley's Field received theirs earlier this past fall. Green Street is still planning on breaking ground in January while Kelley's Field is still planning to start work in April.

High Performance Mobile Home Park

We reviewed and discussed the information provided by Paul Markowitz of Efficiency Vermont at our 12/3/14 meeting. Paul is seeking additional funding that will go towards upgrading mobile homes, not replacing them. We debated applying for some of these funds to upgrade additional units or finalizing our

report to Paul on the units from the Coach Program and then applying for additional funds at a later date. We agreed to complete our report now and apply for funding at a later date.

1/21/15 Special Meeting

Dan Baker of UVM will be attending with one of his students who will compile our records from the Efficiency Vermont Mobile Home Efficiency Coach Program. We'll then provide Paul Markowitz of Efficiency Vermont with a concise report on the feedback he is looking for. We'll also have the student do a synopsis of the whole project for our use. This synopsis will include the survey and energy fair from 2012, the energy audits and repair work from 2013, and the results from 2014. Carl will confirm the meeting date with Dan.

HAHC Vacancies

We discussed how to fill the two vacancies on the committee. We've previously had people from the banking and realty professions on the committee which is a good point of view to have regarding affordable housing. Current members will reach out to any of their contacts, particularly in these fields, to see if there is any interest in joining us.

Minutes

Review of the 12/03/14 minutes was tabled to our 2/04/15 meeting, at which time we'll also review tonight's minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Next Meeting

January 21st – special meeting to brief UVM student on the Efficiency Coach Program.

February 4th – Marie Gardner, Assessor for the town of Hinesburg, will be here to discuss how affordable housing is assessed.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Wernhoff