



Affordable Housing Committee

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Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2015

- Approved 11/04/15 -

Committee Members Present: Rocky Martin, Julie Pierson, Andrea Brainard, George Bedard, and Dale Wernhoff

The meeting came to order at approximately 7:05 PM.

Comments to DRB on Hinesburg Center Phase 2: Julie and Dale attended the 10/06/15 DRB meeting regarding this project's Preliminary Plat Review. Due to the town's current water supply problems, the DRB gave the developer a four-month extension for his review. We decided to proceed with our comments based on previously released information. The project will have nine affordable units, all rentals. George suggested the town should get Champlain Housing Trust or a similar group involved with a permanent arrangement to keep track of affordability. This way the town can make sure the affordability stays intact. Rocky will draft a letter regarding this for review at our next meeting.

Leads on New HAHC Members: The HAHC is currently down two members (we have seven but require nine). We still need to brainstorm on ideas on how to drum up interest in joining the committee. Suggestions included word-of-mouth soliciting and seeing if any prior members have any interest in coming back. Julie volunteered to write a quick blurb on Front Porch Forum to look for potential members.

Written Materials for Future Community Outreach: We need to come up with some paraphernalia to help us spread the word on our committee. Andrea is going to work on this project. Ideas included a trifold pamphlet and possibly posters. She's going to check out affordable housing committees of neighboring towns to facilitate ideas.

Housing Needs Assessment Update: The HAHC commissioned a Housing Needs Assessment in 2010. Since it's been five years, we're now looking into requesting funds in next year's town budget for an updated version. Carl is going to spearhead this. He is going to contact the authors of the current assessment on whether an update is needed and if so, how much an update or full new report would cost.

Project Updates:

- **Kelley's Field:** Rocky attended the ribbon cutting ceremony on 9/17/15 to celebrate the improvements at this senior housing facility (see the HAHC 9/09/15 minutes). Rocky stated the work was of high quality and the residents were very grateful.
- **Green Street Project:** Improvements to the town water system (two new wells) go out to bid on 10/12/15. The developer can start work on the project at that time.

Minutes: We reviewed the 9/09/15 minutes. George motioned they be approved and Rocky seconded. They were approved by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 PM.

Next Meeting – November 4th – Review draft letter to DRB on Hinesburg Center Phase 2 project; update on information brochure.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Wernhoff