



Affordable Housing Committee

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Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2018

- Approved 6/06/18 -

Committee Members Present: Carl Bohlen, Rocky Martin, Julie Pierson, George Bedard, and Dale Wernhoff

The meeting came to order at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Update on Hinesburg Center Phase II Development: Brett Grabowski of Milot Real Estate, developer of the Hinesburg Center Phase II development, was scheduled to attend tonight's meeting to provide the committee an update on the project. He had to cancel his presentation. We'll reschedule for a future meeting.

Pending Housing Projects: We reviewed last month's meeting with Haystack Crossing Phase I developer Ben Avery for the benefit of committee members who weren't in attendance. We also reviewed the current standing of the other major pending projects, specifically Hinesburg Center Phase II and Wind Energy Associates.

Subcommittee Report on Joint Project with Energy Committee and UVM: The UVM students who partnered with the Hinesburg Energy and Affordable Housing Committees presented their final report this week. The students compiled an abundant amount of data on energy alternatives for residential units along the new natural gas line on Richmond Road. Another student is going to carry on their work this summer and during the upcoming school year. Thanks very much to UVM students Lily Abrams, Dylan Butera, Gemma Del Rossi, Jenna Heald, Alex LeRose, Katie McGrath, and Nina Truslow for all of your work!

Update on Sunset Lake Villa Mobile Home Park Sale: Nothing new since our last meeting (see 4/04/18 and prior minutes). The park is still for sale, the residents would like to purchase it, and the owner is hoping for higher bids. We'll continue to watch the process and provide any aid we can.

CCRPC 4/30/18 Housing Committees Meeting Summary: Carl provided a report of this meeting which was sponsored by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission for affordable housing committees throughout the county. Representatives from each town in attendance described what they are doing to promote affordable housing in their towns and discussed any problems they have been having. The CCRPC is looking into making this meeting a recurring event with the frequency to be determined.

Housing Needs Assessment Publicity: Our updated Housing Needs Assessment is now available on our committee page on the town website (www.hinesburg.org/ahc.html). Julie has volunteered to provide the local papers with a snippet of information that can be published on a monthly basis. The obstacle is finding the proper snippet that quickly conveys interesting information. We'll try to select some good examples to use.

Tri-Fold Brochure Update: Dale had volunteered to come up with a brochure describing our efforts. Now that our Housing Needs Assessment is updated, work can proceed on this for review by the committee at a future meeting.

Town Plan Housing Action Items: We continue to monitor the nine action items that the updated Hinesburg Town Plan indicates our committee should provide input on (seven items) or provide the lead in implementation (two items).

New Leads on HAHC Members: We are still looking to fill our vacancy on the committee in the next few months. If anyone is interested please let us know. Additionally, Rocky Martin has decided to step down from his role as Vice Chairman of our committee, leaving Carl Bohlen as the sole Chairman.

Minutes: We reviewed the 4/04/18 minutes. George motioned they be approved and Rocky seconded. They were approved by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Next Meeting – June 6th: Meet with either Hinesburg Center II developer (postponed from tonight) or Wind Energy Associates developer for project update; other topics to be determined; see agenda on town website.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Wernhoff