

Jan. 9, 2007
Affordable Housing Committee Meeting

Present: Mike Colaneri, Catherine DeVito, Glenn Hearn, Caroline Locke,
Ernie Mendenhall, Vickie Thurber, Eric Whitman and Mark Yale

Absent with Regrets: Tom Roan

Also Present: Rhonda Conley

Glenn made a motion, seconded by Caroline to accept the minutes of Dec. 19, 2006 with corrections. VOTE 5 YES 2 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT

Mike did short review of last meeting and asked Rhonda to make sure everyone had a Max Resale Table.

Rhonda presented the Feiner letter draft. After reading the letter, the committee decided it needed revised which Caroline did. Mike made a motion, seconded by Caroline, *that the revised letter (see attached) be sent to Feiner.* VOTE 7 YES 1 NO

Budget: Rhonda presented the budget request (see attached). There was a discussion about the various points of the budget. It was decided that a legal line item of \$1,000 should be added to the budget. Catherine made a motion, seconded by Vickie, *to increase the budget by \$1,000 for legal services, an additional \$500 for personal services bringing it to \$3,500, and decreases the regular expenses to \$200. This will bring the full budget to \$4,700.* VOTE 7 YES 1 ABSENT

Annual Report: Mike brought up the need to create the new annual report. The committee discussed the various articles that should be in the report and asked Rhonda to gather the statistics, etc. and present a draft at the next meeting.

Deep Bottom: Mike stated that all the homes are coming along and presented pictures of the homes. He asked Rhonda to place these in the files.

Accessory Apartments: Ernie does not have a report.

Great Plains: Glenn reported that Rappaport's office has started the title search. After the title search, land court certification will be needed. There was a discussion about the lots and the various procedures the committee will need to go through. Glenn wants to reserve a spot at town meeting in case all the legal issues are satisfied. Mike made a motion, seconded by Glenn, *to reserve a spot, if there is evidence that this project may go forward, for a warrant article that the town owned lots in the Great Plains subdivision be transferred to the Affordable Housing Committee for affordable housing purposes.* VOTE 8 YES 0 NO

Catherine wanted to make sure Glenn had not exceeded the monies the committee had authorized for legal expenses (\$500). Mike asked Glenn to handle any further expenses through the selectmen before transferring the matter over to the AHC.

Next Year Goals: Mike asked everyone to consider the committee's goals for next year. Some of the goals mentioned were

- 1) Great Plains lots
- 2) Old Courthouse Rd. Firehouse
- 3) Zoning changes
- 4) Land Bank partnerships
- 5) Working with other organizations, etc. on affordable housing projects

Planning Board: Mark reported that the board did not discuss the Feiner project at last meeting. The Planning Board did discuss changing the wording in the multi-family bylaw. Mark believes there is a precedence from the past for more than 1 dwelling per acre and will discuss this with the Planning Board. He stated the board seems to be leaning toward putting in zoning bylaw language that 1-acre minimum is preferred per dwelling for the multi-family bylaw.

Adjourned at 9:00P.M.

NOTICE

The next meeting will be Jan. 23, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. in the Howes House

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Conley