

Jan. 25, 2011
WTAHC Minutes

Present: Mike Colaneri, Glenn Hearn, Ernie Mendenhall, Jim Powell, Jonathan Revere and Joanne Scott

Absent with Regrets: Vickie Thurber

Also Present: Rhonda Conley, Philippe Jordi (IHT Director), Doug Ruskin and Neil Sullivan of Habitat for Humanity (Habitat)

Crow Hollow Update: Jim told the committee about the walk through that he and Mike did with Christian Strom and Samantha Look at the Doug Hoehn property. This is the property that Strom and Look are proposing to give for the two affordable lots. The prospective buyers of the at market house on the Hoehn property were also there. A discussion followed. Jim informed the committee that the \$40,000.00 was not in an escrow account but in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Mike stated that the condominium development special building permit was also still in effect. The state gave a 2-year extension to development permits.

Mike made a motion, seconded by Glenn to accept the 1/6/2011 minutes as written. VOTE 6 YES 0 NO

CORRESPONDENCE

Fin Com: Rhonda announced that Fin Com would review the WTAHC Budget Feb. 1, 2011 at 4:20PM at the Public Safety Building. Jim stated he would appear on the behalf of WTAHC.

Assessor's Office: Rhonda stated she had received from Kristina West of the Assessor's Office a notice that Citibank had placed a lien of \$3792.59 on Joseph Capece's property. Capeces have one of the houses of the Deep Bottom Affordable Housing Project. Joanne suggested that the committee might recommend a financial counselor to the Capeces. No other ideas were discussed on what the committee could do.

Homeowner Conveyance Policy and Aguilar: Jim announced that the lawyers had responded to the question of the policy and tax abatement. (See Attached). As the other members of the committee had not had a chance to review the response, the issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Jonathan was miffed that the committee was just receiving the information on Crow Hollow and Aguilar. He vehemently stated that every WTAHC member receive all communications at the same time. It was decided that all emails be passed onto all members.

On this note Ernie requested that minutes from the previous meeting be sent a week before the next meeting.

Habitat: Ruskin said that he and Sullivan were making the rounds of the island towns to introduce the new Habitat President. Doug Ruskin is the new president. Neil Sullivan is the executive director on the Bailey Park Project. Ruskin spoke a little on Habitat's goal to produce housing for low-income families. He also announced that there are open seats on the Habitat Board. It meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00PM. There was some discussion about conflict of interest between serving on town committees and serving on the Habitat Board. Ruskin announced the recipient of the first house of the Bailey Park Project as Joseph and Jennifer Fragosa.

IHT: Jordi presented a draft contract to the committee for their review. Joanne asked that the committee discuss the contract when the contractor was not present. Jordi also spoke about the home tracker program he proposed at the last meeting. Jonathan asked to see a template. It was decided that Jordi would present a demo at the next meeting which would also be a Affordable Housing Trust Fund meeting as well. Any funding for this venture would be through the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Jordi stated that IHT is looking for a community at large representative.

Jim asked that Joanne and Jonathan continue working on the affordable home database and present a draft at the next meeting.

Reports: None

Invoices: Rhonda presented an invoice from town counsel. *Mike made a motion, seconded by Glenn, to pay town counsel the portion of the invoice pertaining to the Plante refinancing of \$477.75 and submit the \$88.50 portion of the invoice pertaining to Aguilar and the Homeowner Conveyance Policy onto the Selectmen. VOTE 6 YES 0 NO*

2010 Annual Town Report: The committee reviewed the report draft. *Ernie made a motion, seconded by Joanne, to accept the draft report as the 2010 Annual WTAHC Report with wording and spelling corrections. VOTE 6 YES 0 NO*

Adjourned at 8:50 PM

The next meeting will be Feb. 8, 2011 2nd floor Town Hall following the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Meeting. This will start at 7PM

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Conley