

Minutes

North Stonington Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

September 21, 2010

In attendance: Michelle Brophy, Stella Neves-Elbaum, Mary Ann Ricker, James Scaramozza, Tim Pelland

Guests: Julie Savin, Marilyn Mackay, Juliet Leeming

Tim Pelland, co chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. .It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the Aug. 17, 2010 meeting.

The committee reviewed the final version of the educational brochure to explain the role of Affordable Housing to the community. James Scaramozza will meet with Nick Mullane at the BOS about the printing and distribution of the brochure. There was much discussion about the best means possible to distribute the completed brochure to all town residents. We will explore the different options, such as using the town's bulk mailing permit, to include the brochure with the annual tax bill to residents, or as a stuffer in the town Recreation Dept. quarterly flyer mailing.

The Board of Selectmen are scheduled to sign our proposed Resolution this evening (Sept.21st) that authorizes the Affordable Housing Committee to pursue funding for the development of a Housing Plan for our community. Stella Neves-Elbaum will contact the BOS office to get copies of the fully executed document for the committee. (This was received and sent to the committee on Sept.24th.)

Julie Savin has contacted the SCOG for help in developing a housing plan, but they cannot participate due to staffing and resource limitations at this time. It was determined that the committee will need \$25,000 to meet our objectives, including the cost of hiring a consultant to develop and prepare the Housing Plan and for incidental funds for members to attend conferences, workshops, or other administrative expenses.

The Grant Process:

1. BOS Resolution to be signed
2. Requests and Applications for Grants to be submitted by committee members to local businesses
3. When funds are received, the BOS will administer those funds

The following local businesses will be contacted by these members to solicit donations and grants for our mission:

- Dime Savings Bank (James Scaramozza)
- Liberty Bank (Julie Savin)

- Westerly Hospital (Juliet Leeming)
- Newport Federal Bank (Mary Ann Ricker)
- N.Stonington Economic Development Commission (Marilyn Mackay)
- N. Stonington Business Association (Marilyn Mackay)
- AZI Construction (Tim Pelland)
- Chelsea Groton Bank (Mary Ann Ricker)
- People United Bank (Julie Savin)
- Bank of America (Michelle Brophy)
- CL&P (Juliet Leeming)
- Eastern CT Assoc. of Realtors (Stella Neves-Elbaum
- Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT (Stella Neves-Elbaum)

Michelle Brophy will prepare a short 'executive summary' of why we need their support and funds for the members to use in their solicitation letter.

Planning for a joint workshop to address the Accessory Apartment Issue to be held this November was discussed, including the Town Planning & Zoning Commission, the Zoning Officer, the Board of Finance, the Tax Assessor, the BOS and other concerned citizens who might be interested in brainstorming for creative ways to encourage identification of these units. Juliet Leeming agreed to organize the workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

The next meeting will be Oct. 19, 2010, at 6:00 pm, Elementary School Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Stella Neves-Elbaum, recording secretary