

Affordable Housing Committee Minutes of 5-23-2018

Members Present: Mary Ann Ricker and Ellen Flannery-Schroeder (Absent: Margaret Leonard, Betty Ann Russ)

Guests: Bill Freeman (Celebration Development Group, Madison, CT)

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm. A quorum was not present.

Mr. Bill Freeman was invited to attend the meeting by Margaret Leonard, who was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. Mr. Freeman provided information about Passive House Design based on his experience as both a housing developer and a builder. He noted that people commonly believe that passive houses are more expensive to build, though this is not necessarily the case. He provided copies of the following publications: *Passive House Buildings* (Spring 2018, published by Low Carbon Productions) and *Passive House Buildings: New England Forges Ahead* (2017, published by Low Carbon Productions). Discussion included the aims of the Affordable Housing Committee and details of the property areas where development is being considered (e.g., Wintechog Hill development, town owned lots in Kingswood development).

Mary Ann Ricker noted that this committee recently voted to develop educational/marketing materials to be presented at four public sessions over the course of the next year (Sept and Oct 2018 and Jan and March 2019). The public sessions are intended to highlight the advantages of affordable housing development on Wintechog Hill Road with the goal of bringing the development of such to a town referendum. Mr. Freeman recommended that affordable housing efforts to begin with the town owned lots in Kingswood as they would be the easiest to bring to fruition.

Mary Ann Ricker discussed the ways in which Mr. Freeman might be involved in the town's affordable housing endeavors. She suggested that he may wish to be a part of the Housing Trust. In addition, she invited him to the next meeting of the Housing Trust to be held on June 20th at 6:30 pm.

Minutes from April 25, 2018 meeting were not reviewed due to a lack of quorum.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Flannery-Schroeder