

Hanover Affordable Housing Commission

February 16, 2006

Present: Bob Strauss (Chair), Roy Banwell, Tom Blinkhorn, Len Cadwallader, Peter Christie, Joan Collison. Dick Jennings, Larry Kelly.

Guest: Ben Frost

Bob Strauss introduced Ben Frost, Housing Awareness Coordinator for New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority.

The minutes of December 15, 2005 and January 19, 2006 were approved as circulated.

Gile Tract:

Roy Banwell reported on a meeting with town administrators at the site where various topics such as wetlands, building height, etc., were discussed. The developers were commended for the conceptual plan and the placement of the buildings. The Town management team (DPW, Fire, Police, etc.) are supportive of the concept plan. The designs of buildings were also commended. On Feb 25 at 9:00AM, a site walk is scheduled for HAHC. On Mar 6 at 3:00PM, a site walk is scheduled for the Hanover Conservation Commission. We agreed to forego our tour and go with the Conservation Commission.

Roy informed us Rob Bryant's succession at TPHT is well under way. In the transition, Roy will continue to monitor the site/construction dimension of this project. He is most favorably impressed with the design/development team TPHT has put together. Roy has been told the financing picture looks hopeful, too. TPHT is to bring the Gile Tract to the Hanover Planning Board on March 21.

Roy suggested we might want to use this permitting process as an opportunity to make the Town planning and permitting process more rational.

The Commission affirmed Roy Banwell's action of urging the TPHT Board to accept the Simpson Development Corporation offer of six housing units. Bob Strauss will ask Don Derrick to follow up with Dennis Marquise to make sure this opportunity doesn't slip through the cracks during TPHT's leadership succession.

Roy Banwell spoke about the balkanization of the town as different neighborhood groups take particular issue with a matter pertaining to the general well-being of the community. He referred to the Rip Road neighborhood group as an example who, in their interest to distribute traffic more evenly throughout all neighborhoods, run the risk of delaying the College's Grasse Road III project.

We heard remarks from Ben Frost who commended us for our efforts and offered to help in any way he could. Ben was invited to speak before the ZBA on behalf of the Gile Tract. Bob Strauss will advise Ben as to time and date.

Bob Strauss reported he has started a fundraising campaign on behalf of TPHT so they can increase their staff and office space during the construction/occupancy phase of Gile Tract. Approximately \$300,000 needs to be raised. Small parties have been arranged in different parts of town including Kendal, N. Balch, Meadow Lane, Occum Ridge, Downing Rd, and Rope Ferry.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15PM

Respectfully submitted

Len Cadwallader