

Hanover Affordable Housing Commission

Minutes of the Meeting of

June 17, 2010

Present: Bob Strauss (Chair), Len Cadwallader, Joan Collison,, Don Derrick, Karen Geiling, Paul Olsen, James Reynolds, Andrew Winter.

Guests: Chip Brown, Bruce Pacht (Twin Pines Housing Trust)

Staff: Jonathan Edwards

Meeting was called to order at 7:00.

Bruce Pacht made a presentation about Twin Pines Housing Trust. His PPT is available at www.tphtrust.org . TPHT has increased the number of units by more than 50% in 6 years. Their plan is to double the number of units in 3 years. HAHC acclimated its deep appreciation to TPHT for its success in bringing more homes affordable to working families to the region.

TPHT's Annual Meeting will be held at Gile Hill on Monday, June 28, 2010. Their fall fundraiser will be held on September 11th, 2010 from 5:30-8:30 at the Woodstock Country Club. Information about both events is available at www.tphtrust.org .

Bob Strauss introduced Chip Brown who has applied to the Town to become a Commissioner. His resume was circulated. Motion made and seconded to recommend to the Selectboard that Chip Brown be appointed as an Alternate Commissioner. Carried unanimously.

The minutes of May 20, 2010 were acceptable as circulated.

Minutes of the Residential Project Committee for meetings of June 7 and 14 were circulated. This is a subcommittee of the Planning Board. Currently it is looking at the area south of W. Wheelock and west of School Street. Our continuing interest is to promote higher density. A subcommittee of HAHC has been formed to generate zoning recommendations for the Planning Board to consider with respect to its review of existing neighborhoods.

Chair Strauss distributed copies of the survey map showing original land ownership of the Hanover Water Company surrounding the reservoirs. To protect the water supply, access was prohibited for years. Since a water filtration system has been installed it is conceivable some of the reservoir's watershed, which is currently undergoing change of ownership, could be opened up to public access at areas beyond the drainage line.

We discussed the College-owned land at the corner of Trescott and Grasse Roads that is contiguous to the reservoir that is currently zoned GR-3. The College has not yet developed the land at the corner of Trescott and Grasse Roads which is contiguous to the reservoir and which is currently zoned GR-3. Had that happened, HAHC would have gotten some affordable units out of it. The College never developed the parcel once Rivercrest was permitted. Paul Olsen indicated the College is not willing to dispose of the Grasse Road parcel except for a 10.2 acre piece near the existing baseball field on Grasse Road. Cadwallader said it was too remote to be considered as anything more than a bargaining chip for a more appropriate parcel elsewhere.

We agreed to delegate consideration of potential land acquisitions to our zoning regulation subcommittee (Chip Brown and Bob Strauss) and asked them, in consultation with Jonathan Edwards, to come up with a plan of action to recommend back to us at our July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Len Cadwallader, Secretary