

Housing Committee Meeting Minutes
Feb. 1, 2010
Rm 014

Meeting began 7:30 pm.

Members present: Barbara Gardner, Ellie Gerson, Margaret Miley, Heidi Doyle, Paul Saulnier, Bryan Clancy

Minutes: Last meeting minutes of Jan 6, 2010 motioned for approval by Barbara G. Seconded by Bryan C. All were in favor, Margaret M. abstaining, none opposed.

Procedural Info: Heidi reviewed information received from Jackie Dellicker regarding town committee meetings and communications. E-mails can be used to distribute the meeting agenda, schedule information, and distribution of procedural meeting materials, reports or documents that will be discussed at meetings. E-mails can not be used for voting.

Housing Trust:

Motion made by Barbara G. to have Bryan Clancy formally represent the Housing Committee on the Housing Trust. Seconded by Ellie G. All were in favor, none opposed.

Motion was made by Paul S. that the Housing Committee formally support the formation of a Housing Trust. Seconded by Bryan C. All were in favor, none opposed.

Andrews School:

Group discussed all types of potential uses for Andrews Property. There were 2 main categories, Keep Existing Building and Take Down Existing Building.

Keep Existing Building:

Under this heading, the group discussed options could include: senior rental housing development by town, veteran's housing funding (Carol Scott Dooling had volunteered to research this and will report at the next meeting), Respite Center (Bryan C. offered to look into this concept), Mixed housing/commercial space, or private development (Paul S. offered to see if he could get a rough estimate what a private developer would pay for building).

Take Down Existing Building:

This opens up new options, which include 4-6 small, modular starter houses, 4 two-unit housing groups, tennis courts or other recreational use, or private development.

The modular homes appealed to several of the committee members. Cost estimates were \$150,000-175,000 a piece to build. Barbara has visited an area in Medfield that has put up this type of Smart Growth housing and believes it to be attractive and affordable. The question is if Andrews is the right property for this type of housing. Barbara and Heidi will be meeting with Mary Bousquet to see what other properties the town owns and have come up for foreclosure.

Selectmen have asked for our plans for Andrews. It was agreed that we should research all the areas and present it to them for their decision on where to go from here.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.