

Housing Committee Meeting Minutes November 26, 2018

In attendance: Dean Pierce, Pam Brangan, Casey McNeil, Ron Bouchard, Brian Precourt, Mark Brooks

Meeting opened at 7 pm.

The agenda was approved. Moved by Ron, seconded by Casey

The minutes of the October 1 (housing trust fund conference at CCRPC) and October 29 meetings were approved. Moved by Ron, seconded by Casey

Updating Housing Booklet

Portions of the booklet are in the process of being updated. There was discussion as to whether the booklet should be updated less frequently than once a year. Perhaps every three to five years. The decision was made to continue the current update with new information that is available, with the update completed by March. We will discuss the frequency of future updates during subsequent meetings. The booklet has been promoted to town boards and committees. Possibly promote to the general public on FPF and Shelburne News. Dean will see how often the booklet has been accessed on the town website.

Zoning Amendments

Proposed zoning changes to accessory apartments and duplexes are on the agenda at the next PC meeting. The PC had concerns about the definition of duplexes. They believe the definition is too tenuous and does not clearly state that a duplex is a single structure. Dean provided several examples of definitions for duplexes from other towns. After discussion, a definition was crafted and will be sent to the PC.

Housing Trust Fund Conference

Ron expressed frustration that the discussion did not remain focused on housing trust funds but at times went off on tangents.

Dean stated that the SB will be developing the next town budget over the next few months so we need to get a financial request in soon to include in the next budget. Funding sources were discussed – include in capital improvement plan? Small tax increase? Development fees? Dean and Ron will get together to come up with some alternatives.

Updates

Dean stated that the new comprehensive plan will be forwarded to the SB for their meeting on Tuesday. Dates will be set at the SB meeting for public hearings.

The Pecor MHP sale continues. The property line with the bowling alley will change and access to Penny Lane from the bowling alley will be closed.

Next Housing Committee meeting – January 7, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm