

Fair Housing Committee Minutes

10/24/2019

Present: Frank Evans, Mimi Hollister, Mark Podgur, Teri McDonough, Debra Larkin, Katie Farrell, Guests: Lou Meyi, Judy Gates

Minutes were approved.

Mainly there was discussion of the HPP work and next steps: the official committee will meet in November. MAPC will bring a draft plan for that meeting to be considered. Then there will be a final plan after the first of the year. It will then go to the Selectmen and the Planning Board to form a Town Warrant article that will address several zoning issues. Lou pointed out that the wording of that Town Warrant article will be key.

Frank reported that Ted Moore is sketching out a proposal for the HPP Committee re-zoning considerations. He has an interest in multi-purpose zoning for residential above commercial properties. The Fair Housing Committee will be part, at least, of the implementation of the outcome of all this going forward.

Interest in home-sharing was considerable at the recent "Three Voices" meeting and in the HPP Survey. It was noted that there are many legal and liability issues that would need to be addressed and there are existing corporations that do this for you. Judy Gates, leader in the 3 Voices group, sees that organization as a facilitator for those interested and noted that there is a need to communicate possibilities for alternative housing.

There is word that another possibly two houses are in foreclosure, which may give the Trust more funds. Someone is checking (Kurt?) to see if the Green St. project developer wants to sell the rest of it to the town. Kurt James and the Housing Authority are exploring state funding for adding more units at current properties.

Our current job: to email friends and all who came to the Public Forum to take the HPP Survey for public input. A link is on the town website and Mimi will also forward the email from Alex that has the link to the FHC email list so that you can easily forward it to your constituencies.

Frank will check to see who has the sign-in email list from the Public Forum for filling out the survey. He will also get a definition of "Smart Growth".

Next meeting will be some time after the HPP meeting.

Mimi Hollister, Scribe