

Sherman Housing Commission

Monday, June 13, 2011

Minutes

Present: Steve Roffwarg, Jeanette Perlman, John O'Connor, Michelle Hansen, Kate McConaghy. Lynne Gomez, clerk. John Jenner, guest from Commission on Aging.

Minutes of the May 9 meeting were approved as read.

News of a potential \$30,000 grant was shared, which could cover the proposed land survey. It was suggested that the Commission appear before the board of selectmen at the August or September meeting to update selectmen to activities of the Commission to date.

John Jenner of the Sherman Commission on Aging informed the Housing Commission the preliminary results of the Senior Phone Survey. Early results are favorable to senior housing. John offered the support of the Commission on Aging as the project goes forward, including publishing the results of the survey in their new column in the Citizen News, the Aging Advocate.

Steve noted that the Commission on Aging could be called upon to give support and perhaps present a report at a public meeting. Discussion ensued of the senior population of Sherman as a portion of the total population. The Board of Selectman meeting in September is a public meeting and deemed an appropriate opportunity for the commission to present its case as well as for members of the Commission on Aging to attend in a supportive role.

The property of interest was discussed. Securing funding for a land survey of the property was also discussed. A survey quote was reviewed. The Commission will develop specs for the survey and get a few bids. Septic and water surveys were also discussed. The Commission wants to present a concise timeline and plan for the project to the Board of Selectmen, as well as milestones accomplished to date. Michelle offered to work with Jeff Sienkiewicz to get a timeline mapped out.

Discussion ensued of affordable housing and elements supported by HUD. Jeanette offered to pull together an outline of the proposed project. Jeanette noted that Governor Dan Malloy is allocating money and emphasis to seniors in CT. The state mandate to provide affordable housing was discussed. Consultant David Berto will need information from the outline to apply for grant money for pre-construction costs. Those discussions will occur at the next meeting. Discussion followed of HUD's scoring system and grant funding. A motion was made by Jeanette and seconded by Michelle to adjourn at 8 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 18 at 6 p.m. in the Sherman School Conference Room.