

Hamilton Affordable Housing Trust

Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2013

Welcome – Members Fred Mills, Michael Lombardo, Brian Stein, David Carey, Peter Britton and Marc Johnson were present. Kristine Cheetham, Planning Coordinator and Jenny Raitt of MAPC were also present.

Housing Production Plan –

- Department of Revenue website a source of information on housing stats
- Forum Summary (Nov)
- Board of Selectmen’s Meeting (Dec. 17, 2012)

New / Old Discussions

1. Carriage House is an incomplete 40 B permit project. HAHT would like to expedite completion. Wait for Mass Housing to take the lead.
2. Canterbrook is a project that never happened for senior housing. The property remains undeveloped.
3. There was one town owned parcel that was eventually sold.

Four Action Areas in Plan – Jenny Raitt shared with the Trust that there are four action areas in the draft plan.

1. Administration and Policy – This section will involve Hamilton specific recommendations.
2. Programmatic – This section identifies existing state and local programs to assist housing production. There are many partners who can implement ideas and goals of the Trust.
3. Projects for Hamilton – This section will identify local sites & neighborhoods for potential, work with developers.
4. Housing Education & Outreach – This section identifies the role of the Trust for education and outreach regarding the issue of housing production and affordability for Hamilton.

HAHT Actions – Jenny and the members of the Trust identified several action items to be included in the Plan for the Trust.

1. HAHT to take the leadership for action on housing.
 - a. Identify existing housing stock for possibilities
 - b. Identify land parcels that may have opportunities

- c. Initiate meeting with developers (affordable housing experts and septic system designers)
- d. Use problems with current housing stock to drive outreach/education and eventually solutions
- 2. Establish an all land use Board meeting – The purpose of this meeting would be to initiate the education and outreach process, but also to identify roles of partners.
 - a. Disseminate the results of the study
 - b. Beginning of outreach on issue(s) of housing
 - c. Describe consequences of no action
 - d. Open up conversation on topic for solutions
 - e.

Housing Trust Financial

K. Cheetham asked the Trust to review the bill submitted by MAPC for work done on the Housing Production Plan. M. Lombardo made a motion to pay the bill. P. Britton seconded. All voted in favor.