

Carlisle Housing Authority (CHA)
January 22, 2013
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Alan Lehotsky (Chair), W. Randall Brown, Carolyn Ing, James Bohn, Elizabeth DeMille Barnett (Housing Coordinator).

Absent: Steven Pearlman

Visitors: Cynthia Sorn, *Carlisle Mosquito*, Reporter

1) Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm.

2) Community input: None

3) Old Business

- a) **NOAH Benfield Farms:** On a related topic, Alan Lehotsky reported that the Supreme Judicial Court and Housing Appeals Committee continue to rule in favor of Chapter 40B projects, citing a recent decision on a project in the small town of Sunderland, MA. Sunderland, with a population under 5,000, had sought relief from a proposed Chapter 40B due to building height and the Town's lack of fire safety equipment. The HAC had ruled that there were other buildings in town at that height and therefore, height was not a reason to not issue a Comprehensive Permit.
- b) **The Town of Carlisle Affordable Housing Trust (CAHT) Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding request.** On January 8, 2013, the CAHT and the Board of Selectmen voted to request \$145,000 to be used toward Carlisle affordable housing development projects. This request includes funds to be used toward developing a Department of Developmental Services affordable housing request for proposal (RFP) on the Goff property; preliminary Banta Davis resource studies, and future affordable housing development, etc.

On a motion by W. Randall Brown, and seconded by Carolyn Ing the CHA voted to support the request as-is (final vote: three in favor, one abstention). Mr. Lehotsky clarified that any funds for Carlisle Housing Authority affordable housing development in 2014 would be allocated by CAHT from this \$145,000 CPA affordable housing request.

4) New Business

- a) Elizabeth D. Barnett, Housing Coordinator reviewed services being proposed by Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC) at a meeting she had recently attended. These services included monitoring Local Initiative Projects and developing Housing Production Plans, among other affordable housing development

assistance. Following discussion, the Housing Authority's consensus was that the proposed services were not needed at this time, and that the proposed rates seemed high.

b) Copies of State Senator Corey Atkins letter dated January 17, 2013 to Governor Deval Patrick , which had been copied to Peter Scavongelli, Chair, Board of Selectmen and Mrs. Barnett, responding to Governor Patrick's proposed public housing reform and regionalization were distributed by Mrs. Barnett without discussion.

5) Minutes approved: On a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Lehotsky, the January 10, 2013 Minutes were unanimously approved.

6) Next meeting scheduled for 7:30pm, Thursday, February 14, 2013.

Lehotsky moved to adjourn the public meeting and begin an Executive Session to consider the terms of a future lease of real property.

Handouts: Senator Atkins 1/17/2013 letter to Governor Patrick; 6 pages

Prepared by:
W. Randall Brown