

Carlisle Housing Authority  
March 10, 2011  
Submitted by Randy Brown

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.  
In attendance: Alan Lehotsky (Chair), Steve Pearlman, Jim Bohn, Randy Brown.

Community input: None

### **Old business**

Benfield Farms update: Notification from state was received that the project did not receive funding in the first round. Prospects are still good and NOAH is hoping for better news for the spring funding round. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) review of the Carlisle Conservation Commission Benfield Farms Wetlands Order of Conditions due to an abutter appeal is still pending. DEP has received all the information from NOAH which it has requested. There are 99 people on the Benfield Farms interest list, 87 of which have Carlisle connections.

Community Preservation Act application: Benfield farms infrastructure and housing coordinator position. No change since 2/24/11 CHA meeting.

Highland building update: Brown presented “pro forma” chart for Affordable Housing option. Preliminary cost estimates, excluding development and architectural costs are about 15% to 20% below DHCD Development Cost Target (\$200,000 per unit) and compare favorably from an initial and operating cost perspective to other options. Assessment of specific “security” perspectives and possible remedies is to be discussed.

### **New business**

Housing Authority educational series: Brown is collaborating with Energy Task Force and the First Religious Society - Environment, Recycling and Climate Action committees to prepare another Housing Authority seminar/workshop entitled “Converting Households to Sustainability”. It will target existing homes in keeping with one of the goals in the Housing Production Plan; “Convert existing houses to affordability”. While some of the other HA seminars concentrate on reactive financial and administrative resources to improve affordability (and the likelihood of staying in one’s home), this seminar will focus on more pro-active strategies that would improve household energy efficiency, reduce overall costs and be sustainable.

Governor’s appointee to CHA: Selectmen voted to approve the reappointment of Carolyn Ing. Ing signed the letter to Governor requesting reappointment. Letter has been received by the Governor’s office.

Glossary: Provided to HA members for their review and comments.

Department of Disability Housing Services: No change since 2/24/11 CHA meeting.

Board of Health proposal to link Gleason Public Library and Carlisle Elderly Housing Association Village Court to Carlisle Public Schools Wastewater Treatment Plant:  
Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Resource Protection Clean Water state revolving loan priority rankings released.

Minutes approved: On a motion made by Lehotsky and seconded by Pearlman, the board voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2011 meeting.

Next meeting date: March 24

Meeting adjourned: On a motion made by Pearlman and seconded by Brown, it was voted 4-0 to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

**Action items**

- Lehotsky and Brown plan to present option to Highland Bldg Committee (HBC) soon so it can be compared to other options being reviewed by HBC before the Town Warrants are voted on (5/9/11).