

Carlisle Housing Authority
March 24, 2011
Submitted by Carolyn Ing

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm.

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

Community input: None

Old business

Benfield Farms update: the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued a Superseding Order of Conditions, which affirms the Carlisle Conservation Commission's Order of Conditions issued in June 2010. A question about water quality regulations will be reviewed by Pearlman. Lehotsky and Barnett met with NOAH to prepare the submission for the next funding round on April 28. CHA would like to try to get letter of endorsement from Scott Brown. Plans for site work is being prepared in anticipation of applying for well permits and conducting well testing. The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD's) consulting architect has made positive comments on the design as part of DHCD feedback on the fall One-Stop application.

Community Preservation Act application: Benfield farms infrastructure application will request an extension of the time limit. The Housing Coordinator position was approved by Selectmen on March 23. On a motion made by Pearlman and seconded by Brown, it was voted 5-0 for the CHA to support application for the Housing Coordinator for two years for a total amount of \$100,000.

Highland building update: Brown attended the Highland building committee meeting. The committee supports use by various community groups. Lehotsky suggested establishing community requirements for residency if the committee is willing to consider Highland for residential use. Community use would require installation of an elevator, which would not be required for residential use—a potential cost savings.

Housing Authority educational series: Upcoming session on Thursday, March 31, 7:00 pm., Clark Room in Town Hall. Home Preservation Center – Coalition for a Better Acre (CBA) NeighborWorks mortgage foreclosure prevention and modification program.

Glossary: CHA members were asked to review the draft.

Affordable Accessory Apartment Regulatory Agreement revisions: Tom Lane, Planning Board member, presented the board's comments on the draft agreement.

DEP Bureau of Resource Management Clean Water State Revolving Loan: Carlisle's application received a low score. Barnett is awaiting details from the Board of Health.

New business

Citizens Housing and Planning Association

Update Chapter 40b focus group: Barnett has been invited to participate. Goal of group is to negotiate important changes for 40b. Will hold first meeting with state shortly.

Update on MA mortgage foreclosure crisis: Barnett reported that the number of foreclosures are down, but the number of foreclosure auctions are up.

Upcoming Housing Authority educational series: Brown discussed a future session which will be sponsored jointly with Carlisle energy conservation and environmental groups. Topic will be converting households to sustainability. Potential date is June 6.

April 11 special Town Meeting: CPA rescission. On a motion made by Pearlman and seconded by Lehotsky, it was voted 3-1 for the Housing Authority to oppose the rescission of the Community Preservation Act surcharge. Ing, Lehotsky, and Pearlman were in favor; Bohn opposed; Brown abstained. Barnett will determine whether exemptions from the surcharge are available to seniors or lower income levels.

Minutes approved: On a motion made by Bohn and seconded by Lehotsky, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2011 meeting.

Next meeting dates: April 14, 28

Meeting adjourned: On a motion made by Pearlman and seconded by Brown, it was voted 5-0 to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Action items

- Pearlman will review water quality regulations.
- CHA members will review glossary.
- Barnett will determine whether exemptions from the CPA surcharge are available to seniors or lower income levels.
- Barnett will provide information on Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) as it relates to tenant selection plans (Highland Building)
- Barnett will distribute available Carlisle 2010 U.S. Census data
- Barnett will integrate CHA and Planning Board comments into the proposed Affordable Accessory Apartment regulatory agreement
- Barnett will continue to work with NOAH on behalf of the CHA on the upcoming DHCD One-Stop Application