

Sherman Housing Commission

Monday, Aug. 12, 2013

Minutes

Present: Steve Roffwarg, chair. Michelle Hansen, Charlie Reppenhagen, John O'Connor. Public: Stan Greenbaum, Park and Rec. Selectman Chris Jellen. Clerk, Lynne Gomez.

Charlie Repp updated the commission on the status of the access point on the property belonging to Bill Hunniford and Audrey Day. The property owners have expressed willingness to work with the Housing Commission on whatever is needed to make the access possible. Park and Rec is happy with the proposed plan also. It was noted that Planning and Zoning will need to assess. Charlie noted that it eliminates the need to go near the Colonial Field parking area. Oskandy of Arthur Howland Associates will draw up the plans.

Discussion followed of the possible need for an easement that would allow for slowing down in the lane. Discussion of the intersection near American Pie followed.

Steve will be in contact with the CT DOT to find out what needs to be done to make access work on the property. Charlie has given Oskandy a list of items he wants to see mapped out from the road to the property. Charlie reported that Samansky is willing to work with the Housing Commission on this preliminary work. Steve reported that the Housing Commission is expecting to have funds returned to it from the town, which were used to pay for some Planning and Zoning work.

Pre-development Funds: David Berto sent word to the commission that a new allotment of pre-development funding has become available at the state level. This funding could potentially be used for access point development.

Corporation Formation: Steve reported that the non-profit entity, the 501c-3, is coming closer to reality. Steve has filed the paperwork, paid the fee and is awaiting the corporation documents.

8-24: The 8-24 document, required when a town leases or sells property, has been approved by the BOS. However, the commission is waiting for it to be signed by the First Selectman and given to Planning and Zoning. Charlie offered to discuss this with Clay.

Lease or Buy? Discussion followed on the merits of leasing the property, as planned. Included in the discussion was the fact that liabilities on the property, which include

hiking trails, should rest with the town, not the senior housing entity. Leasing the property also opens up grant opportunities. The town can also control the zoning.

Steve noted that the current focus of the commission is to get the entrance and exit to the property detailed and finalized. Discussion of assistance the Traffic Safety Commission could provide followed.

Publicity: Steve will meet with the seniors at the Senior Center for an update on Monday, Sept. 9 at 11:30 a.m. Lynne will work with Suzette to get Steve on the calendar. The Senior Center finished an article for the local media on the seniors who would benefit from senior housing.

Discussion of the minutes of the July meeting was tabled until next meeting, due to lack of time.

Next meeting: Sept. 16 at 5:30 pm at the Senior Center.

Motion to Adjourn: 5:50 pm

Submitted,

Lynne Gomez
Clerk.