

Housing Board, Town of Pound Ridge
Meeting of February, 2009, 8:00 PM
Town House Dining Room

Minutes

Present: Kitty Wynkoop, Carol Powers, Ken Olsen, Josina van der Maas (Chair), Paul McConville (Town Board Liaison) and Don Heppner (Record Review)

Dick Lyman, Suzy Beatty (away) and Jerry Bisceglia (icy driveway) sent regrets; Mary LaTronica is still undergoing medical treatment.

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:02 PM, there was a quorum.

The Minutes of the Meeting of January 5, 2009, were approved as submitted.

Suzy Beatty being absent and Joan Arnold not having responded to email and voicemail, there was no current status report about A-Home occupancy and the up-to-date waiting list. Suzy wrote in an email that she will request this again when she returns.

Ken Olsen suggested that we should begin to focus on the Housing Board mandate, as given to us by the Town Board, to prepare an Annual Report. Josina will review the memorandum sent by the Ad Hoc Housing Committee to the Town Board, and the date on which it was submitted. We can consider this the first of our annual reports. We will focus on that at our March meeting. Ken also said that we should start putting together our own waiting lists and process for approval.

There was discussion about the potential of the Housing Board's presence on the Town website as a contact vehicle for Town residents who want to be on a waiting list. While this would reach only a subset of the residents, it could serve as a vehicle for keeping in touch with what kind of housing people are looking for. Kitty suggested using "Constant Contact" which could cost as little as \$10-15 per month. Another suggestion was to have another Supervisor's Forum on Housing.

A new topic, not on the agenda, was the report by Neal Rentz in the Record Review, factually incorrect, that the owners of the 29 Acres property had discussed another plan, including senior housing, with the Planning Board. Don Heppner was fielding a lot of angry calls from residents opposing the supposed plan, as they did the original one. Josina checked the facts with Karen Taft, Secretary of the Planning Board, and found out that the report was erroneous and misleading. We decided, in order to head off any more reactions from residents, to send a Letter to the Editor of the Record Review correcting the facts, which Don took back with him.

We also decided to suggest to Clay Fowler, Chairman of the Planning Board, that if the 29 Acre property is to be developed as a conventional subdivision into six lots, there could still be room for discussion with the owners about dividing one or two of the six homes into two or three units, with senior/accessory apartments on the ground floor. Josina will contact Clay via email.

The next meeting of the Housing Board is on Monday, March 2, 2009, at 8:00 PM.

The meeting closed at 8:50 PM.

Josina van der Maas, Chair