

Minutes

Housing Board, Town of Pound Ridge Meeting of November 9, 2009, at 4:30 PM Town House

Present: Suzy Beatty, Kitty Wynkoop, Carol Powers, Mary LaTronica, Ken Olsen, Jerry Bisceglia and Josina van der Maas (Chair)

The Chair opened the meeting at 4:43 PM.

The Minutes of the Meeting of October 5, 2009, were approved.

Ken Olsen reported that he talked to Town Attorney Jim Sullivan about the Kitchawong Housing Corporation and its background. He has questions about what we really want the KHC to do. He recommends that we talk to the Town Board about how they would like to see it and to what extent they would support it before he goes any further with incorporation. Josina said that we should prepare for that discussion rather than just ask for the Town Board's opinion.

Suzy reported that A-Home is now full, with two on the waiting list, one the mother-in-law of a Pound Ridge business owner, the other from Brewster. Joan Arnold stated to Suzy that she has no idea what will happen as a result of the settlement of the affordable housing lawsuit against the County. This may affect priorities. However, these priorities are stated in the Pound Ridge Zoning Law and cannot be changed by the County or A-Home except by action of the Town Board.

We watched a 19-minute video sent by Jeff Vreeland of Lewisboro to Mary LaTronica, who presented it through her laptop and the projection apparatus and screen set up by David Goldberg. The video outlined Lewisboro's approach to senior and affordable overlay zoning, which concentrates solely on land along State roads, owned by, for instance, churches, fire departments and schools. This video confirms the information we already got from our earlier meeting with Jeff Vreeland. After we have seen the County's affordable housing implementation plan, we may schedule a meeting with Lewisboro's Housing Board to see in what way we can contribute to each other's ideas and plans.

Since Paul McConville was not present, we did not get any input about where the Town Board is in its consideration of changes in the Accessory Apartment law. We sent our memorandum to the Town Board on October 10.

Carol Powers will represent the Housing Board at the December 5 meeting of the chairs of the boards and commissions with the Town Board since Josina will be away.

Note that the next meeting is on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 4:30 PM. There will be no December 2009 meeting.

The meeting closed at 6:16 PM.
Josina van der Maas, Chair