

Minutes

Housing Board, Town of Pound Ridge Meeting of December 6, 2010, at 4:30 PM Town House

Present: Suzy Beatty, Carol Powers, Mary LaTronica, Jerry Bisceglia, Ken Olsen, Kitty Wynkoop and Josina van der Maas (Chair), Paul McConville (Town Board Liaison).

The Chair opened the meeting at 4:31 PM.

The seven-year term of Mary LaTronica expires at the end of 2010. Mary agreed to another term. Josina will notify the Town Supervisor that he may appoint her.

Kitty gave an update on A-Home. A woman whose daughter lives in Pound Ridge has almost completed the required review process and will fill the current vacancy if approved. There will be another vacancy in January. A man ("John") is currently going through the review process. He had previously applied after speaking to Josina, but for various reasons he had not gone through with it until now.

We discussed the latest draft of the Westchester County Fair and Affordable Housing Implementation Plan and what the possible implications are for Pound Ridge and its zoning laws. The Town is not required to adopt the Model Zoning Ordinance, but it has to make sure that its own zoning laws are in concordance. Ken Olsen expressed his concern that there may be legal challenges if affordable housing is not built in Pound Ridge, even though there is nothing in the zoning laws to prevent it. Economically, it would be very difficult if not impossible to build affordable housing. And even if it were to be built, it would be difficult to attract people to a town that does not have access to transportation within a reasonably short distance.

Josina distributed copies of the recommendations specific to housing in the Comprehensive Plan which has been approved by the Town Board. Paul suggested that the Housing Board prioritize the recommendations for action by the Town Board. There are five specific recommendations, labeled a through e. We will discuss and prioritize them at our next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 3, 2011, at 4:30 PM at the Town House.

The meeting closed at 4:31PM.