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Minutes 02/28/2008

Affordable Housing Task Force February 28, 2008

Members Present: John Griffin, William Burke, Anne DiNoto, Diane Harrington, David Levy, Christopher Loreti, Patricia Worden

Absent: John Hurd, Jim Doherty, Nick Minton
Also present: Laura Wiener

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman John Griffin.

2. Affordable Housing Trust Fund

Members discussed the warrant article to create an Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Laura noted that she and John Griffin would appear before the Finance Committee at their hearing on the article on March 5 at 8:15 pm, at the Community Safety Building. One issue of concern has been liability and cost to the Town. Laura will ask John Maher if liability can be limited. The following are thought to be possible sources of income to the Trust:

- ? Inclusionary Zoning—the ARB can choose to accept cash in lieu of affordable units.
- ? Comprehensive Permit funds—the Town receives a small amount of money to monitor the project (\$6,000 at Minuteman Village). There is the potential for approximately \$1.5 million if excess profits are found following the cost certification of this Brattle 40B project.
- ? Symmes project—the Town will receive \$150,000 to help subsidize the initial rents at Symmes.
- ? Other donations.

Since two items regarding the Affordable Housing Trust Article in the Warrant had merited discussion beyond that allowed by the very early closing of the Warrant these matters were now discussed by the Task Force so that appropriate comments could be made in the Selectmen's Report if Mr. Hurd chose to do that or, if not, in a substitute motion which could be made at Town Meeting:

Upon a motion of Mr. Loreti and seconded it was **voted** that the number of Trustees recommended at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting regarding the Affordable Housing Trust Fund article in the Warrant for would be best at five.

Upon a motion of Dr. Worden and seconded it was **voted** that it should be recommended that at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting the word "lease" should be removed from Item 5c regarding the Affordable Housing Trust article in the Warrant.

3. Report to Town Meeting

Changes made to Town Meeting Report, as reflected in redlined copy, distributed to members. Upon a motion of Mr. Levy and seconded it was **voted** unanimously to accept the report as amended.

4. Adjourn

Upon a motion by Mr. Levy and seconded, it was **voted** to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia B. Worden
Secretary