



**HOUSING BOARD MINUTES
TOWN OF FOSTER
BENJAMIN EDDY BUILDING
6 SOUTH KILLINGLY ROAD**

Monday, March 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mike Kosiver, Chair.

B. Role Call

Present at the meeting were Mike Kosiver, Chair; Diane Potter, Vice Chair; members Fran Gast, Lynne DeStefano, Mike Carpenter, and Myra Mercier. Member Lynne Rider and Town Planner Ann-Marie Ignasher were excused. Also in attendance was Sam Shamoon.

C. Minutes

None defer to next meeting.

D. Correspondence

None

E. New Business

KeepSpace Initiative info from the last time was submitted. Ann-Marie and Joe Garelick were brought in for an interview Jan 2008 and they did well.

Sam Shamoon, the Community Planner walked through the Draft version 2 from 12/10/2007. He said that no changes were made at the Dec meeting.

Mike C said that 3 sites were discussed at the Sat re-zoning workshop, they are one from the diocese, Hemlock and one other that was a gift from the town. A Power Point was being developed to present at a May Public Meeting for Rte 6 rezoning and Affordable Housing. They will have brochures, a model as well as hand outs. After the presentation it will need to go to the Town Council for approval.

Lynne questioned the definition of Elderly Housing.

Myra said that it would be low/moderate housing for special needs and the elderly. This is permanent housing and not temporary housing as it would be with a half-way house.

This would not be public housing. It's an income based definition with restriction and will be monitored by the state, town or an agency like Joe Garelick's.

Sam stated that these questions should be asked when the Planning Board has the developers here.

This zoning portion needs to be adopted by the Town Council and the Subdivision portion needs to be done by Planning only and Sam would be happy to attend a joint

session workshop. Needed are 2 Public Hearings at the same time. Take comments with a brief presentation by Sam. The Planning Board then needs to vote to recommend the adoption of the Zoning Amendments for Affordable Housing. The Town Council then needs to adopt it as a Zoning Ordinance the same night. The Planning Board then comes back to adopt these changes in Land and Subdivision Regulations. The town solicitor must review.

The Housing Board approved at the last meeting and sent it to the Planning Board. Planning Board needs to send it to town council with a joint meeting. Sam will come back as often as he needs to get this working.

An article has been drafted for the Foster Home Journal for a Public Hearing on Wednesday May 21, 2008. The Public Hearing will include the rte 6 rezoning and Affordable Housing with a presentation by Joe Garelick.

F. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.