SHERMAN HOUSING COMMISSION

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, 17 July 2017, 7:00 PM
Mallory Town Hall

Members Present: D. Tuck, B. Hoag, K. Harrison, C. Fauvre, H. Bray
Members Absent: None
Also: C. Cope, First Selectman, L. Whitney, clerk,

Call to Order: B. Hoag called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Approval of Minutes:***Correction of Minutes for 26 June 2017...
K. Harrison feels that the one bedroom units are more than 500 square feet.
Omit: C. Fauvre's suggestion of the possibility of government assistance (low interest state loans) available to developers if a percentage of the housing is affordable housing.
Move to approve minutes, with the above corrections, of 26 June 2017 by D. Tuck

Seconded by: K. Harrison

Vote for: unanimous

Old Business:
The actual size of the one bedroom units in Bernhardt Meadows is 650 square feet with a garage measuring 265 square feet on a 12.5 acre parcel of land.

B. Hoag was in contact with R. DiBella, who referred him to Planning and Zoning. C. Cope had an off the record meeting with Planning and Zoning and will contact R. DiBella about acceptable ideas to present to the P&Z. C. Cope will present more information at the next Housing Commission meeting.

There was discussion between C. Fauvre and the Commission about how the project would be funded. B. Hoag emphasized that the Commission is in the exploratory phase of the project and that funding the project was not being considered until the Commission has a plan that will work in Sherman. C. Cope advised cautiously proceeding to ensure the success of the project.

Ideally, a potential donor will be found to donate 12 acres of land that will accommodate 6 units and a clubhouse. Then a plan can be made to meet with P&Z to discuss how this can fit into their regulations. C. Cope reported that he has consulted with T. Simpkins and found that the current septic regulations will support a project like this.

K. Harrison cleared up the fact that high density housing and cluster housing are the same thing.
H. Bray brought up that there is no easy way to take advantage of amenities in Sherman as there is in Kent. C. Cope has looked into contracting the HART bus service in Sherman. This service will cause an increase in town taxes. This may be a hardship, particularly as the State budget has not yet been approved and may cost townships more than anticipated.

New Business:

The Housing Commission website. It is anticipated that the new town website will go live next month. The Commission will view the new town website and determine what they would like to post to it.

What's Next:

C. Cope will request a meeting with R. DiBella, the town attorney, this week to determine how to best proceed with the Planning and Zoning Commission. B. Hoag is invited to this meeting.

C. Fauvre questioned whether the chairman of the Housing Commission should be meeting with an attorney or if it would be more appropriate to have the attorney present to the Commission at a meeting.

The meeting with R. DiBella is scheduled for C. Cope, not B. Hoag, so it is deemed appropriate.

Adjournment:

K. Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM

D. Tuck seconded the motion

Meeting was unanimously adjourned

The next meeting will be 21 August 2017 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Whitney
17 July 2017