

**Town of Fairfield
Office of Community & Economic Development
Affordable Housing Commission
February 16, 2011**

The Affordable Housing Commission of the Town of Fairfield held a meeting on February 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room in Old Town Hall.

PRESENT: Steve Grathwohl, Chair; Mary Galgota; Lisa Winjum; Richard Gribko; Martin Goldberg

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Barnhart, Director of Housing and Economic Development; Sally Parker; Lissa Thompson, Operation Hope

Mr. Grathwohl called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of January 19, 2011 were approved.

Campfield Drive Development

Ms. Parker said the TP&Z unanimously rejected the application for housing on this property. They cited parking and traffic problems. Mr. Barnhart said the decision would likely be appealed. Ms. Galgano said she could understand the rejection of the 12 units for the size of the land.

Inclusionary Zoning/Commerce Drive

Mr. Barnhart said a hearing on the zoning changes has been tentatively scheduled for March 22, 2011. He suggested the AHC concentrate on developing support for the changes, especially as they relate to housing. He said he would put together some 'talking points' to be available for those making statements to the TP&Z. Members of the AHC volunteered to contact persons and groups that would be willing to come to the meeting to support the amendments.

Black Rock Train Station

Mr. Barnhart said the station is projected to open in October, 2011. Other openings scheduled in town are ShopRite on Black Rock Turnpike, April 2011, and Whole Foods in May.

CDBG

Mr. Barnhart said he expects some cuts in the amount allotted to Fairfield for the next fiscal year. He is holding a meeting on February 22 to hear requests from the community for funds. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of Old Town Hall.

Other Business

Mr. Grathwohl said he would work with Mr. Barnhart to produce the annual report of the AGC to be presented to the RTM.

The Commissioners agreed to cancel the March meeting and to attend the TP&Z meeting on the Commerce Drive Zoning changes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Goethner

