

**Town of Fairfield
Office of Community & Economic Development
Affordable Housing Committee
June 15, 2011**

The Affordable Housing Committee of the Town of Fairfield held a meeting on June 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room in Old Town Hall.

PRESENT: Steve Grathwohl, Chair; Dick Gribko; Lisa Winjum; Nan Jackson

Also Present: Mark Barnhart, Director of Housing and Economic Development; Sally Parker

Mr. Grathwohl called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 16, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

Inclusionary Zoning/Commerce Drive

Mr. Barnhart reported that the TPZ Commission had adopted changes to the Town Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD) and the Town Zoning Regulations regarding the Commerce Drive area. Mr. Barnhart noted that the regulations allow a maximum density of 50 bedrooms per acre with an inclusionary requirement of 10% affordable to persons with household incomes at or below 80% of the area median.

Annual Report

Mr. Barnhart reported that he had presented on behalf of the Committee the Annual Report to the RTM at its May meeting. He noted that Ms. Winjum attended the meeting and that there were no questions or discussion from RTM members.

Train Station

Mr. Barnhart provided a brief report on the status of construction at the new train station. He indicated that work was expected to be completed in the fall.

CDBG

Mr. Barnhart stated that the Annual Action Plan would be submitted shortly to HUD. He noted that the Town expects to receive nearly \$100,000 or 16% less than the current year.

Other Business

Mr. Grathwohl indicated that he planned to attend the Fairfield County Affordable Housing Network meeting on June 22, 2011, in Norwalk. Mr. Gribko indicated that he was interested and might be able to attend, too.

Mr. Grathwohl distributed an article in the New York Times regarding efforts to lift age-restrictions in existing housing developments in response to changing market demands.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Barnhart, Acting Secretary