

**Town of Fairfield
Office of Community & Economic Development
Affordable Housing Commission
December 21, 2011**

The Affordable Housing Commission of the Town of Fairfield held a meeting on December 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room in Old Town Hall.

PRESENT: Steve Grathwohl, Chair; Lisa Winjum; Richard Gribko

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

Mr. Grathwohl called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Distributions:

Minutes from meeting of October 26, 2011; Calendar of Meeting Dates-2012

Minutes

Approval of the minutes of June 15, 2011, September 21, 2011 and October 26, 2011 was postponed due to lack of a quorum.

Mr. Grathwohl noted that he had placed first in his age group at the Thanksgiving road race.

130 Fairchild Avenue

Mr. Grathwohl said he had met with Mr. Freedman of Garden Homes Management to talk about green development. He toured the affordable housing property in Darien owned and managed by GHM and was impressed with it. The development appeals mostly to young working people though there are a few of middle age as tenants. Mr. Freedman would like the support of the AHC for his proposed units on Fairchild Avenue. Mr. Gribko noted that the site does have reasonable access to the new train station. He said a walkway along I-95 would be useful. Mr. Freedman is to file an affordable housing proposal with the town.

Train Station

Ms. Winjum said she has used the new facility and is very pleased with it. Mr. Grathwohl wondered how the building of a large amount of office space on the site would affect the commercial development in the rest of the area. Mr. Barnhart noted that if the developer erected apartments, 1/3 would be affordable. Mr. Gribko asked about the status of the Commerce Drive Study. Mr. Barnhart said the recommendations have been enacted as new zoning guidelines though to date there have not been any applications for new development.

Other Business

The Calendar of Meeting Dates for 2012 was presented. It was agreed to move the November meeting to November 14, 2012. The calendar was accepted.

Ms. Parker said the TP&Z approved another apartment at the Brick Walk.

Mr. Grathwohl said the Green Building Council would hold its next meeting at the Fairfield Police Station which has a co-generation unit. He will inform the commissioners of the date of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, January 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Goethner