

# **Warren Affordable Housing Advisory Board**

## **Minutes**

**Meeting of March 6, 2007**

### **I. Call Meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Joanne DeVoe. Members present were Joanne DeVoe, Thomas Mack, Jim Nightingale, Freda Doyle, and Jason Ferri.

### **II. Minutes**

The minutes of the January 29 meeting were not available so the board agreed to wait until the next meeting to approve the minutes of the January 29 meeting.

### **III. Open Meetings**

Ms DeVoe delivered a report on the Rhode Island open meetings laws. It was agreed that Mr. Mack and Ms. DeVoe would meet with the Town Planner Michelle Maher to learn how to post the agendas for future meetings so that the responsibility will not fall solely to the Town Planner.

### **IV. Report on East Bay Affordable Housing Consortium**

Mr. Mack delivered a report of the Feb.2 preliminary meeting of the East Bay Affordable Housing Consortium. The Members of the board unanimously expressed their support for Warren's participation in the consortium. Warren's participation in the consortium will require a

**decision by the Town Council so the board members agreed that Mr. Mack and Ms. DeVoe would meet with Ms. Maher as to the status of the consortium with the Town Council.**

#### **V. Pending Development Projects**

**The board discussed the Tourister Mill and Mary V.Quirk School projects regarding how affordable housing might be integrated in to both. The board had previously written to Meredith Management to encourage affordable housing at the Tourister Mill project but has not heard back.**

#### **VI. Discussion of Recommendations**

**The board discussed several ideas for moving the Plan for Low and Moderate Income Housing forward. The discussion focused on the short term goals (less than 1 year) as outlined in the plan. Ms DeVoe initiated a discussion about inclusionary zoning and the board agreed to further study the idea. Also the board agreed to invite a member of the Town Council and Planning Board to the next meeting so that an informal progress report can be delivered and new ordinances relevant to The Plan for Low and Moderate Income Housing can be discussed.**

#### **VII. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Mr. Mack to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, seconded by Mr. Nightingale. The next meeting of the board will take place on April 3, 2007. The board voted unanimously to adjourn.**

**Minutes Drafted by Thomas Mack 3/7/2007**