

## Meeting Notes

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### HOUSING COMMITTEE

January 20, 2011 @ 3:00pm

Building Room, Town Offices

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Attendees: Rob Potter, Bill Chapman, George Cornfield, Pam Leeb, Carolyn Letourneau, John McGee, Glenn Stewart, Bruce Taylor, Bob Gamble, Michael Martin, Peter Tollefsen.

1. Introductions Went around the table and everyone introduced themselves.
2. Mandate/Background Peter distributed the Committee's names, addresses, phone number list to everyone and asked for any corrections. \* to revise.(PT). Mandate passed around by Peter with an explanation of the purpose, format and background of the Housing Committee.
3. Old Business
4. Town's Housing Needs Study Peter explained has been finalized and received by Council last August. It should be used as reference and consulted for future initiatives. Peter had copies at the meeting for those that needed them.
5. Inclusionary Housing Peter explained is a Bill (58) to amend the Planning Act to allow municipalities to require new development to have a percentage of a residential subdivision or project have housing for medium or low income families. The Bill has had 2 readings and at a Standing Committee at the Provincial legislature. We are following the Bill.
6. Community Land Trust Peter reported to the Committee on the work done to date and distributed reports and correspondence.
7. BRAINSTORMING for ideas of providing any affordable housing
  - Use Town owned lands
  - Where is the log jam ? Why can't we provide attainable housing
  - Only way to do this is through partnerships (developer, landowner, municipality, county, province work together)
  - Develop what we already have
  - Creating a tool to provide housing (ie; Land Trust , exemption from DC's)) ... need a business plan, need a process plan.
  - Spin off to other groups
  - Initiate a project
  - Need a strategic plan, start with a "vision" (ie; school full of kids) then workback.
  - Have tried before ie; Grace United Church project. What have we learned
  - Far Hills project in receivership. Opportunity to buy some units for affordable housing
  - Have looked at properties for sale around Town. \* bring back the maps.
  - Have got seed money
  - We did a Communication Plan. Should bring it back now that the election is over \*
  - Look at the existing Town office (to become the former town hall building) for housing.
  - SHOULD DO A BUSINESS PLAN \*\* Bill + Bruce to work on something for the next meeting.
8. New Chair elected. Moved and seconded That Bruce Taylor be the Chair of the Housing Committee... Carried.
9. New Business Agree that architect Peter Ferguson can appear at the next meeting as requested.
10. Community Land Trust at step 2 of 5 of the process – Conference call with solicitor David Tang and Town staff and such members of the Housing Committee to understand the interests and concerns before starting work on the report. Bill Chapman and Bruce Taylor will attend.
11. County of Grey Housing Study a copy of the draft Study distributed by Peter to everyone.
12. Next Meeting Feb 10, Thursday at 4:00pm.
13. Adjournment