

**Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Committee
of the Community and Public Works Committee (CAPP)
February 16, 2010**

Committee members present: Nick Nelson, Vice Chair; Deena Schuppe, Anne Lacy; Linda Fuller, alternate
Committee members absent: Aimee Baxter, Chair and Nora Taylor
Public present:

1. Call to Order.

N. Nelson calls the Affordable Housing Committee to order at 6:15 pm. A quorum of the committee is present as shown in members present listed above.
N. Nelson will take minutes.

2. Discussion and/or Approval of the following minutes:

A. October 21, 2009

N. Nelson will have the minutes at the next meeting.

B. January 22, 2010

Tabled until a majority is present to approve the minutes.

Anne Lacy notes that her name has been left out of the committee members present/absent in a few sets of minutes.

3. Habitat For Humanity update and discussion.

N. Nelson spoke with Rick Fairbanks, President of Chequamegon Bay Habitat for Humanity today. Rick said three or four members were not present for the regular Habitat meeting and those present expressed skepticism about building a home on the Island when the Island has so much money. Rick will revisit this when all members of the board are present.

Questions that were to be discussed by the Habitat Board were:

1. Could the Island be accepted into their area and
2. Could the Island partner with Habitat for Humanity so as to be able to use their name and funding in order to build a home on the island.

Short discussion of what transpired at the January 20, 2010 Affordable Housing Committee meeting.

N. Nelson said he told Rick we should proceed as if we did get approval from the Habitat board. This committee could start by developing a plan to see if contractors would pledge time to help with this project. N. Nelson will find out if Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization; date of the next Habitat meeting; and if donated time is tax deductible.

The committee needs to update the Town Board regarding the status of the Ashland County Housing Authority project and the information received from Habitat for Humanity.

D. Schuppe will draft a letter to the Town Board and send the letter for review by the Affordable Housing and CAPP members. The key points in the letter will be:

The Island has a definite need for ownership of homes as shown by the survey conducted by the Affordable Housing committee.

The Affordable Housing committee would like permission from the Town Board to pursue a partnership with Habitat with Humanity since Habitat for Humanity does not have a project this year and does not have the funding to build a home on their own. This project would be beneficial to all if Habitat could enter into a contract with another organization, such as the Town/Affordable Housing Committee, in order to build a home on the Island. If the Town Board approves of the partnership, the Affordable Housing Committee requests a letter of support from the Town Board to the Habitat for Humanity Board.

The Affordable Housing Committee would like Town Board approval to start looking for in-kind help, fundraising, donations and pledges to help build a home.

A committee member will attend the Town Board meeting on March 9th, 2010.

A request to be on the agenda has to be sent to the Town Clerk at least a week prior to the Town Board meeting.

4. Ashland County Housing Authority (ACHA) update and discussion.

N. Nelson said he has not sent anything to the ACHA. A. Baxter has sent emails to Denise Lutz, ACHA Executive Director asking for the status of the project. The ACHA is presently working on writing grants. D. Schuppe will send an email in regards to ACHA progress and ask if letters of support or leads on grants are needed.

5. Town Board recommendations and questions.

Discussed under agenda item #3.

6. Discuss how to approach local contractors and interested people about donating volunteer hours.

Discussed under agenda item #3. Agreement to wait until the committee talks to the Town Board. This will be placed on the next agenda.

7. Set Agenda and next meeting date and time.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 6 pm. The agenda will be similar to this agenda.

8. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn by N. Nelson, second, D. Schuppe. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Kathy Erickson,
Clerical Assistant

Minutes approved as presented March 16, 2010