

BRHSSC Minutes of Meeting
7:30 p.m. October 15, 2003
Fire Department Headquarters
77 Hudson Road
1st Floor Conference Room

Members present: Mark Ensign, James Gardner (co-chair), Joseph Bausk, Lydia Pastuszek (co-chair) Stephen Shugrue (Clerk). Also attending: Jo-Ann Howe (Director of Sudbury Housing Authority), Jody Kablack (Town Planner).

The Committee voted unanimously to approve as amended the minutes of October 1, 2003.

The Selectmen directed the Committee to exclude at this time from proposing as housing sites those sites that have deed restrictions or conservation restrictions since proposing these sites will require acts of the state legislature. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to post on the Committee's web site the Selectmen's directive as written to the Committee by Maureen Valente (Town Manager) on October 9, 2003.

Ms. Howe asked if the Arborwood site (a tax title designation) is designated for a conservation use restriction. Mr. Ensign stated that Conservation Coordinator Ms Dineen will have a list by Friday, Oct 17, indicating which sites are so restricted.

Mr. Ensign volunteered to draft an outline of the contents of the three ring binder which will contain the Committee's site selections and the process by which the selections were made. The binder will list rejected and accepted sites with reasons and comments.

It was announced that the League of Women Voters of Sudbury would hold a forum on Affordable Housing for Sudbury on October 22 in Goodnow Library. The major purpose of the meeting is to educate League members and the public. Mr. Gardner and Mr. Bausk volunteered to attend as the League would like housing advocates to attend.

In response to an inquiry by Carol and Dick Wolfe, Ms. Kablack offered to take them on site walks after the Committee published its list of selections. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe are particularly interested in keeping school property sites intact in case there are expansion needs.

The Committee voted unanimously to accept the revised BRHSSC Procedures document presented by Ms. Pastuszek. It was also approved that this document would be put on the BRHSSC web site as reporters have expressed an interest in its contents.

Discussion about whether to publish a list of unsuitable properties ended with an agreement to wait instead for the final list of selected properties.

Site visits: Ms Kablack, following site visits of August and last week, distributed two documents. One contains a list of 12 properties with accompanying maps that “we (on the most recent site walk) thought had the best potential for housing development.” The other document contained Ms Kablack’s notes of all site walks she attended in August and so far this month. Ms Kablack received the Committee’s approval to revisit non-wet, non-conservation properties for further consideration.

Information: TM can tell the Town what to do with Town-owned land. Use of school land for non-school use would require a School Committee vote. Ms Kablack’s list of approximately 180 sites has approximately 11 buildable sites.

Following discussion of format of documents which will show ranking of suitability of sites, it was agreed not to have one page for everyone of approximately 190 original sites.

It was projected to have the list of best sites ready by the end of the next (10/29) meeting. The Committee accepted Ms. Pastuszek’s offer to present a write up for the 29th. The Selectmen would be invited to the meeting of 11/12. The public presentation would be made on 11/19.

The Committee brainstormed ways to conduct the public presentation.

It was voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Shugrue, Clerk