

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 12, 2016

Attendance:

Commissioners: Robert Galen, Peter Powell, Kristin LaFleur, Dick Sallick, and Laura Fishman
Staff: Barbara Butler, Sarah Heath

Guest: Steve Palmer, Director, Planning & Zoning Department

Steve described his extensive experience with Connecticut's affordable housing regulations (8-30g) as P&Z director in Bethel, the adversarial nature of the process, the unlikelihood of meeting the 10% mandate, the reversion to market rate after forty years and the use of moratorium points.

New Business:

Three multi-family housing projects proposals including affordable units currently in the planning process in Westport were then discussed and memoranda describing them were distributed.

Minutes:

The minutes of March 8, 2016 HSC minutes were accepted.

Old Business:

- The CSA Enhancement Planning Committee submitted their report to the Board of Selectmen and an RFP will be drafted. Stan Nayer also commented on the presentation of the proposed plan to community leaders at a reception at WCSA and the expression there of cooperation and financial support.
- Department Report:
 - A proposal to establish by ordinance a Commission on People with Disabilities will be made at the May Meeting of the RTM.
 - FY 2016-17 Human Services Department Budget will be part of Town budget presented to RTM tonight.
 - Ed Milton, MSW has been hired as the Student Outreach Counselor. He has a strong background (similar role in New Canaan for ten years) and is already at work.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Sallick