## Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes December 2, 2014

Present were committee members: Jim Kelley, Tom Hyland, Tina Huard, and Maura Bonafede. Also present was, Christine Devine.

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Chairman Hyland.

**Motion made to approve May 28, 2014 minutes** by Tom Hyland, seconded by Jim Kelley; motion passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

Recommendations made by Lesley Higgins-Biddle from the LISC were reviewed: The issue of forming a 501 C3 corporation to pursue grants was discussed. Tom Hyland mentioned that the issue is also being considered by the Stonington Housing Authority (SHA) and that we could partner with the SHA to our mutual benefit. The status of the Spruce Meadows project was mentioned with the question when groundbreaking was expected. The project has expanded from the original proposal and apparently is causing a delay from the original groundbreaking date. The subject of veteran housing came up with the question of finding available land. There are other land use decisions to be made such as School Department plans that persuade us to wait for decisions to be made before pursuing this objective. Tom Hyland had discussed updating the Town Affordable Housing plan with Keith Brynes. We have not heard anything back. Jim Kelley will follow-up with Keith.

**Elections**: Jim Kelley nominated as Chair, Tom Hyland nominated as Vice Chair, and Tine Huard nominated as Secretary.

Slate was approved unanimously.

## **Old Business**

Links to the video made by North Stonington were discussed and will be shared. Hearing no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jim Kelley, seconded by Maura Bonafede, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Kelley Chairman