



**Walpole Housing Partnership
Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 6:30p.m
Room 116, Town Hall**

Minutes

Attending: Bruce Norwell; Denise Landry, Walpole Housing Authority and Stephanie Mercandetti, Economic Development & Grants Officer.

1. Welcome by Ms. Mercandetti. The Chairman was unable to attend at the last minute. Due a lack of a quorum, no votes were taken.
2. Discussion on housing opportunities in the downtown:

Ms. Mercandetti reviewed elements of the 2004 Master Plan as it pertains to the downtown and changes to the Town's Zoning Bylaw in 2008 making way for mixed use zoning allowed by right in the Central Business District. Ms. Mercandetti also explained MA General Laws, Chapter 40R which allows for a smart growth zoning overlay district in certain areas if a number of criteria and requirements are met. The Town had explored this tool previously, but didn't want to pursue it until there was interest from property owners or developers. In addition, Ms. Mercandetti summarized potential properties in the downtown such as our larger properties at the entrances to the downtown.

3. Discussion on 2012 Goals:

Attendees had a conversation about potential goals for the upcoming year to be reviewed and voted upon at a future meeting:

- Continue to identify potential parcels for downtown
- Continue to evaluate feasibility of town-owned land to provide one unit of housing for Habitat for Humanity
- Meet with the Economic Development Commission to see how the two committees may work together on mixed use in the downtown
- Define role in the 40B housing development at Walpole Woodworkers property
- Support Housing Authority's efforts to establish veterans housing

4. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 6:30pm.
5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.