

Walpole Housing Partnership
MEETING MINUTES/NOTES
(Meeting of April 19, 2011)

Present: Daniel Daley, Bernard Goba, Bruce Norwell, Don Johnson, Stephanie Mercandetti, and Denise Landry

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Hi everyone. Unfortunately, I have to cancel our housing partnership meeting for next week (5/17) due to a personal commitment. My hope is that we can continue to make progress on the inclusionary zoning item and identify potential town properties for Habitat and Jack Roche over the next few weeks. I'll keep you posted.

Bernie presented on his plan to make the library site work. Under Bernie's plan, the library addition would be taken down and the Carnegie building restored. This would permit adding townhouses and additional parking on the site. In all, Bernie's plan includes 17 units (6-1BRs, 10-2BRs, and 1-3-BR). Bernie's plan would better support the financial viability of the project as he was able to design more units than Rojas could offer within the existing space. In addition, the townhouses would blend better with the surrounding neighborhood. Bernie met with Susan from MHP to review this alternative plan. As of our April meeting, Bernie had not heard back from Susan.

We had (together with the Norwood Housing Authority) nominated Jack Roche for a Housing Hero award from MHP. Dan reported that MHP did not select Jack this year. MHP received a large number of nominations as this was the first time MHP has sponsored such an award, and they described the response as "tremendous." MHP encouraged us to re-submit Jack's name next year.

No votes were taken.

We agreed to meet next on May 17, 2011.

Dan closed the meeting.