



Town of Billerica
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Justin McCarthy, Planning Board

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Sandra MacMillan, Resident
Cathy Riley, Resident
Shawn Hanegan, Resident

Billerica Housing Partnership Committee Meeting on February 6, 2008

Present: Ron DiOrio Sr., Michael S. Rosa, Donald Burlamachi, Rino Moriconi, Justin McCarthy, Marc Lombardo, Sandra MacMillan and Shawn Hanegan

The meeting was called to order by Mr. DiOrio at 7:15 pm.

- The minutes from the last meeting on January 2, 2008 was read. Mr. DiOrio asked to amend a statement in the minutes dated January 2, 2008. The incorrect statement mentioned in the second paragraph stated, "Mr. DiOrio said he will contact the Selectmen to obtain the correct information". The statement by Mr. DiOrio should have read, "Mr. DiOrio said he will contact the Town Clerk to obtain the correct information". Mr. Lombardo second Mr. DiOrio's amendment. The minutes of January 2, 2008 were accepted as amended 8-0-0.
- Mr. Rosa introduces Mr. Charles Lyons, Superintendent of Shawsheen Vocational Technical High School to present to the Committee the possibility the students construct a house to be part of the affordable housing project. Mr. Lyons informed the Committee the students are currently constructing a home in Wilmington. He said he must have timely decisions presented to him no later than April 4, 2008 so his team of people can schedule the project. Mr. Lyons then read the rules and regulations to the Committee and explained what must be accomplished by the Committee before he submits the plan to Mr. James Sullivan, Chairperson of Shawsheen Vocational Technical High School.
- Mr. Burlamachi asked if there are limits on the type of homes such as capes, ranches or any other type. Mr. Lyons responded they will not construct an Arc but houses approximately 2000 sq. ft will be acceptable.
- Mr. McCarthy asked if town houses could be included. Mr. Lyons said no and explained that it could be a conflict with contractors, unions etc.
- Mrs. Sandra MacMillan asked if a duplex could be built. Mr. Lyons said he will get back to her.
- Mr. Lyons asked the Committee to let him know should the project go forward so he can tell the people involved and call off the lottery. The Committee agreed that there is not enough time to make it happen this year.

- The Committee thanked Mr. Lyons for attending the meeting and will keep him informed as to the progress of the project.
- Mr. Rosa opened “**The Committee Reports**” section of the agenda with a new article he will issue to Town Meeting to reduce the membership of the Committee. The draft article reads as follows: To see if the Billerica Town Meeting will vote to amend the make up of the Housing Partnership Committee to the following eleven [11] Billerica residents, five [5] at large residents of Billerica appointed by the Town Manager, two [2] members of the Board of Selectmen, one [1] member of the Planning Board and one [1] member of the School Committee or there designee. Or act in relation to.
- Mr. Moriconi mentioned to appoint anyone must be changed to mean an actual member.
- Mr. McCarthy asked if an alternate was possible.
- Mr. Lombardo said an alternate cannot vote.
- Mr. Rosa responded if a alternate votes in lieu of a member, the alternate must attend all meetings pertaining to that subject.
- Mr. Moriconi suggested the Committee drop its membership by two members.
- Mr. DiOrio opened the “**Old Business**” section of the agenda informing the Committee that he spoke to the Town Clerk on the cost to send a registered letter to the abutters on Eskimo Street and Rosewood Street. The cost will be \$4.22 per registered letter.
- Mr. DiOrio agreed that Rosewood Street and Eskimo Street will be the Committee’s choice to move forward.
- Mr. Lombardo said he will go to the Selectmen for Skipper money.
- Mr. Moriconi said he will submit a budget of \$1,000.00 to the Finance Committee to cover the cost to send out the letters and to absorb cost relating to the purchase of printer ink, copies, etc.
- Mr. DiOrio asked Mr. McCarthy to send a letter to the abutters informing them what the Committee is proposing to do with the town owned land.
- Mr. DiOrio made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Lombardo seconds the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.


Don Burlamachi