Community Development Committee
Minutes from meeting: 10 January 2013
Location: WRC Conference Room

Committee present:  Gretchen Havreluk, Edie Mas, Jane M. Purdy, Roger Turner, Robert McBride and Lynn Barrett
Guests:  Alice Maes, Thara Fuller
Staff present:  Susan McMahon and Cullen Meves

Called to order 4:05 pm, and Chaired by Roger Turner
Roger Turner chaired the committee.
1.  Introductions/Minutes Approval
   The minutes of 13 December 2012 were approved as written.

2.  Windham Regional Plan – Housing Chapter
   C. Meves and S. McMahon discussed the process for the update of the Regional Plan.  C. Meves discussed the housing related trends found in the draft regional profile.  S. McMahon offered to e-mail the profile to the Committee (After a link was e-mailed it was uploaded to the WRC website so it can also be found at http://windhamregional.org/publications).  The Committee discussed the chapter and had the following comments:
   • How was the Region affected by the economic/housing market crash?
   • How was the Region’s housing stock affected by Tropical Storm Irene?
     o What lessons were learned about housing development practices?
     o Environmental justice issues related to housing location
   • Senior housing and assisted living
     o Are there gaps in supply?  What areas need this most?
   • Is housing stock adequate for workforce housing, first time home-buyers, and temporary workforces?
   • Incentives for developing in downtown areas
     o How to make ownership easier?  What amenities should be developed?
     o Need for village and downtown vitality
   • Incentives for mobile home park ownership
     o What are viable models?
   • Across the spectrum of housing supply, what are the strengths and weaknesses of the Region’s current housing supply?

3.  Update and Announcements in Topic Areas
   ☒ Brownfields – S. McMahon updated the Committee that it looks like the Brownfields RLF will make it first grant/loan soon
4. Other Business/Next Meeting
Next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2013 and the Committee will continue its review of the Windham Regional Plan with the Community Resources Chapter.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.