

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2007

A regular meeting of the Lexington Planning Board was held in the Planning Office, Town Office Building, and called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Chairman Hornig with members Manz, Zurlo and planning staff McCall-Taylor, Henry and Kaufman present. Mr. Galaitis was absent as was Mr. Canale who has recused himself from the discussion of the Article IX amendments.

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Special Permit Residential Developments, Article IX: There was a continued review of the draft of Special Permit Residential Developments, Article IX.

The following points were discussed:

- Proof Plan requirement is a layout without waivers;
- Dimensional Controls Table 2 modifications (removing height);
- Change the name from Alternative Residential Housing to Balanced Residential Housing;
- Not ready to incorporate LEEDS standards for sustainable housing, but will continue to discuss the issue, along with incentives that may be made available;
- Accessory apartments to be addressed in §135-47A as number (3);
- The Article IX would be named Special Permit Residential Housing.

Mr. Hornig said the Board needs to move forward and would like a draft of the warrant articles ready for Wednesday. He would like Article IX with the corrections sent electronically before the holidays so Board Members have an opportunity to review it before the Planning Board Meeting on January 2, 2008.

Ms. McCall-Taylor said there have been a couple of cases recently where board members have had to recuse themselves and perhaps it is time to have an associate planning board member. It would need to go before Town Meeting to adopt an enabling bylaw. She suggested the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board could jointly appoint the associate. Mr. Hornig thought the appointing authority should be the Planning Board.

The Board agreed to consider warrant articles on Special Permit Residential Housing, height, and the appointment of an associate planning board member, and asked that drafts be prepared for their consideration at the next meeting.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Wendy Manz, Clerk