

## Ashburnham Focus Committee Meeting, December 17, 2007

Present: Bob Fichtel, Chairman; Pat Frederick, Christina Sargent, and Town Planner Eric Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 PM by Chairman Fichtel.

Eric said a letter from Town had been sent today to a daughter of the Garlick family, concerning the family's property on Williams Road.

Bob had received permission from landowner Sally Hartshorn, for Town officials to walk her property by Coughlin Road. She seems agreeable to the possibility of the Town's buying the property.

Following the November 13<sup>th</sup> Focus Committee meeting, Bob Fichtel and Chuck Caron, of Caron Environmental Consulting in Westminster, had walked Kevin Lashua's property on the Winchendon Road. Mr. Caron, who donated his consultation, said that while there is some wetland on the property, there is enough dry land to build the size Highway Department facility proposed by the Focus Committee.

The Committee is waiting for George Allan to submit his report to the Town on pros and cons of each of the properties currently under consideration by the Committee, for relocation of the Town Highway Barn.

Eric is applying to the ULI-Boston Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) Program, about their sending experts to assist the Town in planning for development within the Village Center in areas of a) Land Use Design and Planning, b) Market feasibility and analysis, c) adaptive reuse of buildings and d) the development process and permitting. If the Town is selected for TAP assistance, the representatives from ULI-Boston would come to Ashburnham for a one-day intensive visit, and then submit a report with their recommendations.

The next Focus Committee Meeting will be on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM, in the Stewart Room at the Stevens Memorial Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia H. Frederick, Secretary