

***TOWN OF SEEKONK***  
***Planning Board***

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** The Planning Board

**From:** John P. Hansen Jr., AICP, Town Planner

**Date:** April 20, 2011

**Re:** Taunton Ave ó Tax-Title Land

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As you know, we have inquired about using the tax-title land owned by the Town on the corner of Taunton Avenue and Gude Street. Habitat for Humanity is interested in partnering with the Town on constructing an affordable house. Also, Insite Engineering has offered to donate their services towards the development of a site plan, septic design and overall construction management.

At this time, in order to move forward, we need approval from the Zoning Board for setbacks and the construction of a residential unit in a business zone. The only cost that needs to be borne is for the legal ad for the public hearing, which is ±\$153.00.

If approvals are granted, CPA money might be sought for the actual construction. Habitat for Humanity would also seek volunteers from the community and donations from area businesses in order to construction the house.

The Seekonk Housing Authority has not indicated a wiliness to help aid this process along so if we want this project to move forward, we will need to lead this effort. We have ample funds to cover the cost for the legal ad and can start the process if you desire. At the next meeting, please provide us with direction on whether to proceed with seeking ZBA approval or not.