

Dunstable Affordable Housing Committee

Minutes, June 26, 2015

Present were Dana Metzler, Mary Moeller, Carol Bacon, Bill Jennings, Madonna McKenzie, Town Administrator Consultant, and Susan Connolly from Massachusetts Housing Partnership.

Susan gave us a general overview of what MHP does, and in the following discussion told us that we cannot appoint a new housing authority. We would be unable to operate housing that we build by ourselves as a town; we would have to have a management company or some other housing authority manage it for us.

She also let us know that there is no longer "public money" available to build "public housing", although we could collaborate with other authorities.

Susan suggested we contact a non-profit such as Community Teamwork to find out how the process of local initiative projects work. We could still go out for an RFP requesting companies to present proposals to us, as opposed to hiring an architect and going through the whole process ourselves.

Susan offered to return if we feel the need to discuss further options with her, and to provide materials pertaining to small projects RFP's as well as rough calculations of project costs.


Carol Bacon

Chairman