

Dunstable Affordable Housing Committee

Minutes, November 19, 2015

Meeting called to order at 3:30pm.

Present at the meeting were Bill Jennings, Carol Bacon, Dana Metzler, Mary Moeller, Tracey Hutton, Town Administrator, and Phillip DeMartino, Technical Assistance Program Coordinator for the Mass. Department of Housing and Community Development.

The meeting was mainly to let the Committee know what the State expects from us and what we can expect from the State.

Phil questioned us as to how far we had gone in the process, what properties we had available, and what our next step was. He told us that the MUDistrict was a possibility for a 40R district, which would generate funds from the State for each unit of affordable housing provided. There are some limitations because we have no public transportation available.

He also said that a contractor who was having difficulty with financing could apply to the DCHD for help.

The Town would also be eligible for a consultant from DCHD; we could use a PATH grant application for the consultant. He also made clear that there is no quick way to go about affordable housing; that we must first set our priorities for what we need; keep the homeless in mind, and look for 40B technical assistance from DCHD if needed.

He left a manual from the latest Housing Institute for our information.

Carol thanked him for his help; he said to call on him whenever needed.

Meeting adjourned 4:45.

Carol Bacon, Chairman