

West Boylston Affordable Housing Trust
June 19, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Robert J. Barrell, Marc Frieden, John Hadley, Patricia Halpin and Anna Mary Kraemer
Also present: Leon A. Gaumond, JR., Town Administrator

Chairperson Halpin called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Mr. Hadley was introduced as the Selectman's representative on the Board.

The minutes of the May 7, 2012 meeting were read and approved by unanimous vote. Mr. Hadley abstained as he was not a Board member at the time.

Reviewed correspondence authored by Mr. Gaumond dated May 18, 2012 and the proposal for Community Housing Specialist.

The meeting opened with a discussion of the withdrawn article 14 vote to appropriate funds for community preservation. Concerns were raised about the wording of the article particularly "conceptual plan". After much discussion trust members were encouraged to open discussions with the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The \$11,000.00 requested under Article 14 was to augment a grant for a regional community housing specialist. Unfortunately this grant was not funded, therefore the amount of committee funding requested from the Community Preservation may be revisited. Some communities direct housing funding from the CP fund directly to the affordable trust. The Community Preservation Committee has approved \$11,000.00. Mr. Barrell to contact the Chairman of CPC to determine status of the funding request and the timeline for future requests. Mr. Gaumond will draft a revised request if necessary.

The intent of the Housing Trust is to sponsor an article for technical assistance for the October town meeting. Members of the Trust are to engage associated boards and to become knowledgeable of the Master Plan and the Housing Production Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert J. Barrell, MBA