

West Boylston Affordable Trust  
Meeting Minutes  
September 23, 2014

Members present: Robert J. Barrell, Marc Frieden, John Hadley, Patricia Halpin, and Anna Mary Kraemer

Also Present Dick Heaton, Anita Sullivan, Executive Director and Eva Gambaccini, member of the authority board

Chairperson Halpin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

The meeting minutes of August 12 and 25, 2014 were read, corrected and approved. Mr. Hadley moved to approve the corrected meeting minutes. This motion was seconded by Mr. Frieden and approved unanimously

Ms. Sullivan and Mrs. Gambaccini are present from the West Boylston Housing Authority to discuss the support that the Authority may play in developing elderly housing on land owed by the housing authority but controlled by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The Trust proposes to be the lead organization in developing the housing program. The housing authority does not have the capacity to develop and build housing at this time and would appreciate assistance from the Trust. Ms. Sullivan also advised the Trust members that veterans housing would be supported by the housing authority

Mr. Heaton has reviewed the housing authority deed that in part states that the housing authority land is in fact controlled by the Department of Housing and Community Development. (DHCD) Mr. Heaton has been discussing the transfer of land to the Trust from the housing authority with DHCD and has drafted a three part agreement to be executed by the Board of Selectmen, the Trust and the Housing Authority. This draft that allows the transfer of surplus housing authority land to the town was reviewed by the parties present and edits were made. This draft will be forward to the Board of Selectman for review and approval. A future meeting shall be scheduled with the Board of Selectmen in October to discuss the possible transfer. Mr. Heaton advised members present that this is a first step in a tedious process. Town meeting approval is also needed to complete the transfer.

Ms. Sullivan shall obtain approval of the agreement at the authority's next meeting. The housing authority supports the Trust's efforts.

Mr. Heaton explained that DHCD is in the process of auditing the housing production plans. A questionnaire has been forwarded to every community requesting a response. Mr. Heaton suggested that the community audit itself.

The Chair reminded members that attendance at the October Town Meeting may be helpful as the Trust seeks funding from the CPC.

The Trust may consider sending a formal letter to the Board of Selectmen around the decision making process regarding the disposition of the land at 405 Prospect Street.

The next meeting will be a joint meeting the Board of Selectmen in October.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Barrell seconded by Mr. Hadley and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted

Robert J. Barrell