



TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
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MEETING MINUTES

**JOINT MEETING OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST & ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, TOWN OF
WEST BOYLSTON, SEPTEMBER 27, 2012**

Chairman: Philippe Chevalier

Members Present: Barbara Deschenes, Linda Isgro, and Charles Witkus

Others Present: Stephen Hart (Associate Member); Patricia Halpin, Robert Barrell, John Hadley
– Affordable Housing Trust

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

This meeting of the two committees was requested by Mrs. Halpin to get the support and endorsement of the warrant article asking for CPC funding for a Housing Specialist.

The Board of Appeals previously voted at a meeting not to support the employment of such person by the town. The reasons being that the specialist may “step on the toes” of the ZBA regarding 40B developments and some members were opposed to West Boylston’s requested portion of funding.

Affordable Housing Trust

The Trust representatives pointed out that there is currently no contact person concerning affordable housing; we need someone with knowledge and professional expertise. A certain portion of CPC funds are earmarked for housing.

Chapter 40B regulations are changing and we need someone to help us out and help control development. The specialist could also prevent a 40B from being developed.

Any unused funds would revert back to the CPC.

Zoning Board of Appeals

This board prefers to see smaller projects throughout town; probably no larger than 10 units rather than a large one such as the former planned development in Oakdale. Even though the

developer is responsible for managing his own property, it's not always in the best interest of the town. This means that residents, both past and present, are not always given preference over non-residents as tenants.

Conclusion

The Board of Appeals members voted unanimously to endorse the article at town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara M. Deschenes, Clerk

Date Accepted: _____ By: _____