

**TOWN OF BARRINGTON  
HOUSING BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 7:00 PM**

**Present: Steve Martin, Chairperson**

**Steve Boyajian**

**Ben Copple**

**Carla DeStefano**

**Kenneth Satterley**

**Also present: Kate Weymouth, member of the Town Council and  
William Rupp, Barrington Patch..**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

- **Mr. Martin called the meeting to order.**
- **Mr. Martin asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2012 meeting. Motion made by Ms. DeStefano, seconded by Mr. Boyajian and unanimously approved by the members of the Board.**

- **Mr. Martin spoke about the article published in the Barrington Patch which covered a complaint by the owner of 19 Walker Farm Lane against West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation.**

- o **It appears that the owner and her daughter had been living in the house for approximately three weeks when water flooded the basement on several occasions. Although the Barrington Fire Department were called to pump out the water the end result, according to the owner, was mold in the basement which made the house uninhabitable and she had to vacate the property.**

- o **Initially the owner only wanted her home cleaned and made habitable. However, due to a dispute with WEHDC, the owner is asking for her money back. She has since hired an attorney to represent her interests.**

- o **Mr. Martin told the committee that both he and Peter DeAngelis have met with WEHDC to try to resolve this issue. It is possible Rhode Island Housing would purchase the house and place it in the land bank. However, there is the issue of expenses, closing costs, clean-up, repairs and attorney fees; the estimated amount is \$72, 000.**

- o **Ms. DeStefano was asked how her agency would handle a similar**

**problem if it ever occurred. Ms. DeStefano stated that although her agency does not have a policy for this particular problem, she would be inclined to settle the dispute.**

- Mr. Martin informed the committee that WEHDC is now working on closing it's fifth sale at Walker Farm Lane.**
- Mr. Martin stated that the goal for the George St property is 14 affordable houses and that at this juncture we should be considering an RFQ for the design phase of the project. However, at this point he recommended any further discussion be tabled until the next meeting when we may have some new Board members.**
- Mr. Martin then called for a motion to suspend the regular open meeting of the Barrington Housing Board of Trustees; motion was made by Ms. DeStefano, seconded by Mr. Boyajian, vote to approve was unanimous.**
- Mr. Martin then called for a motion to move into executive session, motion made by Ms. DeStefano, seconded by Mr. Boyajian, vote to approve was unanimous.**
- Mr. Martin called for a motion to adjourn the executive meeting, motion made by Ms. DeStefano, seconded by Mr. Martin, the committee voted unanimously to approve.**

**Next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2012 at 7pm**