

**TOWN OF BARRINGTON  
HOUSING BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Tuesday, September 18, 2012, 7:00 PM**

**Present: Steve Martin, Chairperson**

**Steve Boyajian**

**Benjamin Copple**

**Carla DeStefano**

**Richard Staples**

**Kenneth Satterley**

**Linda Testa**

**Also present: June Speakman, Town Council Chairperson, Kate Weymouth, Town Council Member and Seth Milman, Barrington Planning Board Liaison.**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

- **Mr. Martin called the meeting to order. Mr. Martin announced that Matt Amaral has resigned from the Barrington Housing Board of Trustees. Mr. Martin also announced the following changes to the**

**agenda:**

**o A discussion of the draft letter to the state representatives requesting a fee-in-lieu ordinance pertaining to housing development in town.**

**o The distribution of a document outlining a number of short questions that pertain to future affordable housing projects**

**• Mr. Martin then called for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2012 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Staples seconded by Mr. Boyajian, vote was unanimous to approve.**

**• Mr. Martin next reviewed the Bluemead Housing project:**

**o Apparently a private developer is proposing the development of a parcel of land off Chachapacasset Rd that would offer nine new homes, with two of them designated affordable.**

**o Mr. Martin stated that since these homes will be priced at the upper-end of the price range, this will require that these two affordable units blend in with the development.**

**o Ms. DeStefano expressed her concern with the build quality of these two homes. Mr. Martin stated that as the developer is only selling the land it could fall on the building inspector to insure the build quality.**

**o Mr. Martin suggested that we invite the developer to attend one of the Housing Board meetings so that the committee can provide guidance on the regulations pertaining to affordable housing.**

**• Mr. Martin then reviewed the Sowans Rd project:**

**o Mr. Martin stated that all fifty units will be rental only, and expressed that there is some concern regarding parking for up to ninety vehicles, along with their related traffic issues. Mr. Martin also stated that the September 29th meeting of the Planning Board will not be open to questions from the public.**

**o Mr. Staples suggested that the public be given an opportunity to submit written questions for a later date.**

**o Ms. DeStefano suggested that this project development could be an opportunity for seniors to approach East Bay Community Development Corp on the need for more affordable housing for**

**seniors.**

**o Mr. Boyajian recommended that the occupancy permit not be issued until all landscaping has been completed.**

**• Mr. Martin distributed a draft of a letter addressed to our state representatives requesting that legislation be passed that would allow cities and towns to charge developers a fee if they fail to incorporate affordable housing in their developments.**

**o After discussion of the document, it was suggested that the letter now be sent to the town manager for his review and then to the town solicitor.**

**o It was suggested that in order for developers to understand the requirements of the town's Comprehensive Plan, that they meet with the Housing Board to review the Plan's requirements.**

**o Mr. Martin suggested that the Housing Board meet with the Planning Board on an informal basis to review these issues.**

**• Mr. Martin next discussed the George Street RFQ; issues raised: design of homes, rental versus purchase and number of units.**

- o Ms. Weymouth suggested a possible mixture of affordable and market value homes, say 50-50.**
  
- o Mr. Copple asked if we can use a boilerplate RFQ, possibly the one from Walker Farm Lane. Mr. Martin said we will consult with Mr. Hervey.**
  
- o Ms. Speakman said maybe we could incorporate features in the design that would attract seniors. Mr. Staples said we could market the development towards seniors.**
  
- o Mr. Copple said we should review the pros and cons of the Walker Farm Lane project.**
  
- Mr. Martin called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Motion made by Mr. Staples, seconded by Mr. Boyajian, vote was unanimous to approve.**

**Next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2012 at 7pm**