

**TOWN OF BARRINGTON  
HOUSING BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**DRAFT Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 7:00 P.M.**

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**Members present: S. Martin (Chairman), R. Staples, B. Copple, M. Winitsky, M. Lee, L. Testa, L. Rosa, S. Boyajian**

**Council liaison: K. Weymouth**

- **Mr. Martin called the meeting to order**

- **Announcements**

- o **It was announced that C. Ventura of Rhode Island Housing had provided the most recent data concerning Barrington's progress towards the mandated goal of ten percent affordable housing.**

- o **¶ Barrington has 160 units of affordable housing.**

- o **¶ Six communities within Rhode Island have achieved the goal of ten percent.**

- o **Mr. Martin announced that Lori Rosa has joined the board.**

- o The board briefly discussed a purported issue with respect to title and a deed restriction on a property located on Western Avenue.**
  
- West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation (Anthony DiPietro, Chief Operating Officer) provided an update to the board concerning Walker's Farm Lane.**
  
- o Mr. DiPietro indicated that drainage systems on two properties were being upgraded.**
- o Mold remediation has been undertaken.**
- o Radon mitigation systems have been installed in all units.**
- o All units listed at \$169,000 (eighty percent of area median income) have been sold.**
- o Of the homes listed for \$210,000 (one hundred percent of area median income), five units remain unsold.**
- o A realtor (Joe McCarthy) has been hired to sell the remaining homes.**
- o Mortgage approval has proven to be an obstacle for many of those which meet the income requirements for the remaining units.**
- o Mr. Martin made several comments concerning the unsold units including the need for landscape improvement.**
- o Ms. Testa recommended that financial information be included within marketing materials so that prospective buyers could determine whether they qualified for an unsold unit and what the monthly cost of that unit would be.**
- o Mr. DiPietro indicated that West Elmwood was hoping to have all**

**units sold in the first quarter of 2013.**

**o The board thanked Mr. DiPietro for his attendance and he departed the meeting.**

**• Approval of minutes of September meeting.**

**o R. Staples moved that the minutes be approved as drafted. M. Winitsky seconded that motion.**

**o The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as drafted.**

**• The board discussed the forthcoming subdivision at South Street.**

**o The subdivision is going to be considered by the planning board on November 7 for the first time.**

**o The subdivision will include one affordable unit located on lot B.**

**o Ms. Weymouth suggested that someone from the board attend the planning board meeting to ensure that affordable housing issues are sufficiently addressed.**

**o The board discussed whether each new project which includes (or should include) an affordable component be assigned to a board member for monitoring.**

**• Ms. Testa volunteered to monitor the Maple Avenue subdivision.**

**• M. Lee volunteered to monitor the Bluemeade subdivision**

**• S. Martin volunteered to monitor the Lavin's Marina subdivision**

**o The board discussed issues of potential concern with respect to forthcoming subdivisions including issues of indistinguishability of**

**affordable units and sequencing in construction.**

**o The board agreed that it would be helpful to contact Rhode Island Housing to determine how issues of sequencing and indistinguishability are being handled in other communities.**

**• George Street**

**o The board agreed to table discussion of George Street until the next monthly meeting.**

**• Adjournment**

**o R. Staples made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by M. Winitsky.**

**o The board unanimously voted to adjourn.**