

**TOWN OF BARRINGTON
HOUSING BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, November 20, 2012, 7:00 PM

Present: Steve Martin, Chairperson

Steve Boyajian

Molly Lee

Lori Rose

Kenneth Satterley

Linda Testa

Michael Winitsky

Also present: June Speakman, Town Council Chairperson, Kate Weymouth, Town Council Member.

MINUTES OF MEETING

- **Mr. Martin called the meeting to order. Mr. Martin announced that Lori Rose was joining the committee. Other announcements were:**

o East Bay Community Development Corp will be holding a public forum in the Barrington Library on Wednesday, November 28th on the Sowams Road development. At the meeting Katy Bassinet will present their initial proposal to the abutters.

o Two (2) more ranch style homes are under contract at Walker Farm Lane. That leaves just three (3) homes of the original eleven (11) constructed.. The three (3) unsold homes abut County Road.

• Mr. Martin stated he would table the vote on the October minutes until the next meeting.

• Mr. Martin asked Ms. Lee to report on her meeting with the Town Planner's office in her capacity as the liaison on the Bluemead development::

o Ms. Lee stated that the Planner's staff seemed unaware of the decision to have a liaison present at the meeting with the developer. Ms. Lee commented that the developer was not fully aware of the state's mandate requiring 10% of any development be classified as affordable. Therefore, the developer will re-submit their site plans in January with more units overall, and will propose three (3) lots as affordable.

o The challenge will be to build affordable homes in an enclave of new upscale houses. Mr. Martin suggested that the developer use the 3 lots to close off Chachapacasset Road and open up Rumstick Road to gain access to the property. Locating the 3 lots on Chachapacasset Road would give a builder the opportunity to design homes compatible with the style of homes in the Chachapacasset Road neighborhood. Mr. Martin did stress that the logistics of the project will be the developers responsibility.

o Ms .Weymouth informed the committee that Phil Hervey has given the developer suggestions regarding the development, but that these suggestions have not been accepted well.

• Mr. Martin asked if anyone would like to attend the meeting on Wednesday to help explain the town's Comprehensive Plan:

o Ms. Weymouth felt that the town's council members should not attend, as their presence may give the appearance that they endorse the project. Ms. Lee felt that the committee members could be helpful if issues arise but not to endorse the project.

o The question was asked, if the committee was planning to attend, should that information be posted.

- **Mr. Martin spoke about the new affordable housing bond that was approved by the voters. The voters approved a bond totaling \$25 million spread over a four (4) year period:**

- o **Mr. Martin questioned whether the George Street project could be a recipient of some of that money.**

- o **Ms. Testa would like to explore more single or multifamily owned units. Although the committee felt that it would be difficult to meet the 10% goal with single or two (2) unit apartments.**

- **Mr. Martin next discussed the George Street RFQ. Having received the Walker Farm Lane RFQ he would like to use the experience gained from this RFQ to draft the George Street document:**

- o **Mr. Martin expressed his desire that the committee exercise more control on the various aspects of the development, starting with the RFQ. Therefore, he plans to draft the RFQ which then can be reviewed by the committee.**

o Ms. Lee requested that we keep exploring the idea of single or multi- family units, rehab or tear downs. Mr. Martin said we include that as part of the George Street FRQ. Committing the developer to rehabbing a single or two (2) units dwelling if we can gain site control.

• Mr. Martin called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Motion made by Ms. Lee seconded by Mr. Winitsky, vote was unanimous to approve.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2012 at 7pm