

TOWN OF BARRINGTON
HOUSING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Members Present: S. Martin, Chairman
C. Brady
B. Copple
M. Winitsky
S. Boyajian

Also Present: K. Weymouth, Vice President of the Town Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

- Mr. Martin called the meeting to order
- Announcements
 - Mr. Martin announced that representatives of the Board would be taking part in discussion of affordable housing issues concerning the potential development of the Zion property. Mr. Winitsky and Mr. Boyajian would take part in these discussions.
 - Members of the Board discussed the proposed development and their understanding concerning the status of the project.
 - Mr. Martin reported to the Board that the Town Council had voted, at its most recent meeting, to include an appropriation of \$750,000 in the proposed municipal budget for the purpose of funding the Housing Trust in accordance with applicable ordinances and the intentions of the Town's comprehensive plan.
 - Ms. Weymouth updated the Board concerning the Town Council's plans with respect to the George Street property and the subdivision and sale thereof.
- The members of the Board discussed the selection process for an organization to assist in the Board's efforts to make existing housing units within the Town satisfy the applicable affordability requirements.
 - Mr. Winitsky questioned whether it was possible or advisable to solicit organizations prior to the approval of the funding required to implement the program.

- In light of these concerns the Board discussed preparations for discussions with the Committee on Appropriations and for the Financial Town Meeting.
 - The Board discussed ways of increasing public awareness of the Board's intentions with respect to the capturing existing affordable units and the benefits that the pursuit of this strategy would have for the Town.
 - Mr. Martin suggested that members of the press should be invited to attend a Board meeting in order to give the public a better understanding of the Board's work and plans.
- Mr. Brady expressed concerns related to any organization's capacity and/or willingness to participate in the rehabilitation of one or two properties at a time.
 - Mr. Martin indicated that based upon discussions with the Town Planner the Board may be able to solicit interest with a simple request for qualifications.
- Mr. Winitsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board's January meeting as drafted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Copple and was unanimously approved by the Board.
 - Mr. Copple moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Winitsky and unanimously approved by the Board.