

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Affordable Housing Trust held on June 8, 2010 at the Community Development Office Conference Room, City Hall Annex, Pond Road, Gloucester.

In attendance: George Sibley, Michael Luster, Ruth Pino, Mary E. Works, Mary John Boylan, Sarah Garcia and Sandy Shea, City Project Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 PM by George Sibley.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the May 18 meeting. After examination by the members, these were approved.

Ms. Shea distributed lists of CPA funding requests, of Gloucester's Ch. 40B subsidized housing inventory, and of each city and town's subsidized housing percentage. There followed a discussion – on the subsidized housing lists - of “total developable units,” of what counts toward the Ch. 40B threshold, and of whether Gloucester is getting to the 10% standard. Ms. Garcia said that our percentage will likely drop when the 2010 census figures come out in 2012.

The list of Gloucester's Ch. 40B subsidized housing inventory was gone through in detail; some are Housing Authority properties identified by Ms. Boylan. There was a question as to the mechanism of maintaining affordability restrictions; Ms.

Pino will enquire as to how the Forbes School building follows through on this. Mr. Sibley said that ultimately the affordability restrictions will be confronted by the seller and buyer at the time of sale, and that their attorneys at that time will ensure that the restrictions are complied with. Ms. Boylan stated that to her knowledge no affordable units had turned over to date.

There followed discussions of whether the Pondview development qualifies as affordable under Ch. 40B, and the procedure for conducting lotteries in order to determine who receives affordable units.

Ms. Garcia stated that perhaps we could serve as “ambassadors” in the conveyancing of affordable units in the city.

Mr. Sibley's letter on behalf of the Trust to Marc Sandler of the Gloucester Development Team was reviewed and approved, and will be sent by him.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 17 at 4 PM at at the Community Development Office Conference Room, City Hall Annex, Pond Road, Gloucester.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5 PM.