

Minutes of The Affordable Housing Trust
Gloucester, MA
March 24, 2011
City Hall Annex, Pond Road, Gloucester, MA

Members Present: George Sibley (Chair), Sarah Garcia, Ruth Pino, MaryJohn Boylan, Betsy Works, Sandy Shea, (Com. Dev. Staff)

At 5:10, the Chair called the meeting to order.

Item 1: George disclosed a possible conflict of interest with Peggy Heggarty-Steck as he represents their neighbor. Peggy Heggarty-Steck is representing Action, Inc. in respect to business with the Affordable Housing Trust.
Ruth Pino disclosed she represents Peggy Heggarty-Steck as real estate agent for sale of her house.

Item 2: Discussion about The Housing Authority not being on board with the Action, Inc. project brought before the AHT. Rental Housing was ok but the homeless piece was not part of their disposition on this project. Does Action need Housing Authority letter saying they are on board with Action, Inc. Project?

Questions were raised about:

- this particular population without monitoring?
- the location of the Action project?
- the 4 units in one spot?
- the vouchers leaving the city?

including:

- Should AHT be part of rental project versus condominiums?
- Can we require homeless families to be Gloucester residents?
- Are we supposed to give preference to residents?
- What about if we support homeless projects with vouchers, then the vouchers leave town?

A letter was constructed to Action, Inc. to ask Action to meet with Housing Authority and have MJ Boylan as a rep of AHT there. This was to answer questions about targeting certain populations with this specific project.

AHT will take up the matter again after that meeting at the April 28th meeting.

Item 3: 10 Taylor Street Project is postponed for discussion until to next meeting.

Item 4: Annual report - Summarize description of our second year at AHT.
Have Treasurer Mike Luster make Treasurer's report to include account summary.

Item 5: Tenant Selection Plan was passed out for members information.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Works