

Minutes of Housing Trust – May 18, 2010

In Attendance: George Sibley, Ruth Pino, Mike Luster, Mary Jon Boylan and Sarah Buck.

The meeting was opened at 4:00 pm in the conference room of the Community Development Office by Chair George Sibley.

Central Grammar Apartments

At its March 23, 2010, meeting, the Trust voted to ask Kirk Noyes about the status of the \$50,000 the Trust granted as seed money to the rehabilitation project of Central Grammar Apartments. In a letter dated April 1, 2010, Marc Sandler, President of the Gloucester Development Team, Inc., addressed to Mayor Carolyn Kirk, stated that the funds are being used to move the project along and that a funding application has been made to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the project. On a motion of Mike Luster and second of Mary Jon Boylan, it was unanimously voted that George Sibley send another letter to the Gloucester Development Team asking 1. What is the specific use of the \$50,000 and 2. Has the scope of the project changed in any way.

Inquiry from City Council O&A Committee

The Trust received an inquiry from the City Council's Ordinance and Administration Committee asking for an update of its programs. Sarah requested a clarification from O&A and reported that the memo was not intended for the Housing Trust but for other Trusts managed by the City.

Feasibility Study for Assisted Living Project at Gloucester Crossing

Members of the Trust agreed that interest remains in the project outlined by Andrew DeFranza of Harbor Light Partners at its meeting earlier in the year, but is not interested in funding a study. Rather, the Trust would consider some direct funding of a project to leverage other funds. Mike Luster will contact Andrew on behalf of the Trust to explain its position.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be June 8, 2010 at 4:00 pm in the Community Development conference room and Sandy Shea of the Grants Office will be invited to share the status of subsidized housing in the City of Gloucester and the current counts under DHCD rules and how they relate to the Chapter 40B count.

Community Preservation Act

George and Mike attended a public input hearing of the CPA Committee on behalf of the Trust. The meeting was basically for brainstorming how to best use CPA funds.

Mike Carrigan

Local developer Mike Carrigan has offered to meet with the Trust to brainstorm over how the Trust can stimulate affordable housing development. Mike Luster will arrange.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm