

Approved June 20, 2012

**Bedford Housing Partnership
Fair Housing – Affordable Housing
May 16, 2012**

Present: Stephen Boyd, Irma Carter, Ellis Kriesberg, Lisa Mustapich, Alice Sun, Christina Wilgren

Absent: Jane Puffer, Zoe Pierce

Others present: Assistant Town Manager - Jessica Porter; Selectmen Liaison - Mike Rosenberg;

[Meeting was preceded by a meeting of the Bedford Municipal Affordable Housing Trust]

Wilgren called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

New Member

Stephen Boyd, recently appointed by the Selectmen will serve on the Fair Housing committee.

Election of new officers:

Traditionally committees restructure after the town's annual election.

Wilgren nominated Alice Sun to be the new Chair and Ellis Kriesberg to be Vice Chairman. Mustapich seconded. VOTE: 6-0 in favor.

Minutes of April 25, 2012

Mustapich moved to accept the minutes of April 25 with minor corrections. Kriesberg seconded. VOTE: 5-0-1 abstention. MOTION PASSED

Summary of MAHT meeting:

Members summarized the earlier MAHT meeting and the discussion of the Coast Guard and Bedford Motel property. One of our housing goals was smaller senior units – owner or rental. RE: Bedford Motel: Mike Rosenberg asked if it we should approach the owner of the property to ask what his long term plans were. Information on the site is available on the town's website. Site might be senior housing.

Housing Goals –

In-Law Accessory apartments

Members discussed/reviewed the Planning Board's Housing Analysis. General consensus: Even if units do not count towards the town's affordable housing goal, they would make smaller (possibly less expensive) rental units available. Committee would like to research accessory apartments. Is our by-law too restrictive ? How many people even bother to apply? Accessory apartments would increase taxes. Do they make the resale of the house more difficult? Possible input from Chris Lasky, Bldg Inspector –how many apply? How many are turned down? Is there a way to get the information out there? Could we use Town Cable TV? What are other towns doing?

Members agreed to some research on-line on accessory apartment bylaws in area towns:

Billerica – Ellis Kriesberg
Burlington – Jessica Porter
Concord – Stephen Boyd
Lexington – Alice Sun
Westford – Christina Wilgren

Updates on Other Developments:

Habitat: The next closing is June 4th. HH expects to have all eight units completed and final owners in by Christmas.
Program will end December 31,.

#34 Shawsheen Ridge Closing on on May 3.

Bedford Woods (3) Still involved in law suit.

Bedford Meadows #10 Nothing new
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Pulte/ Hartwell Road – Phase one in underway.

Fair Housing – no issues

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Next meeting
Wednesday, June 20