

## BOXBOROUGH HOUSING BOARD MINUTES

July 10, 2013  
7:30 p.m.

Housing Board Members Present: Al Murphy, Chair; Diane Friedman; Ron Vogel; Jeff Handler  
Others Present: Elizabeth Hughes, Town Planner

### I. Info Items

- A. Al gave a report on the recent meeting of the Affordable Housing Trust (AHT). The AHT tabled the request from the Housing Board for funding to join a Regional Housing Service. The request for funds to hire a housing consultant for the 70 Stow Road project was approved for \$20,000.

### II. Minutes

- A. The minutes of the May 8, 2013 meeting were reviewed. A few changes were made and the minutes were approved, as amended, on a motion by Jeff, seconded by Al with all voting in favor.

### III. Old Business

- A. Regional Housing Services – The Affordable Housing Trust did not approve funding requested by the Housing Board. The AHT would like to see this request go before the town at Annual Town Meeting in May. Jeff said he did not agree. The town should not be asked to increase the town budget when there is already money in the Affordable Trust Fund that could be used. Al said the Housing Board could write a letter to the AHT objecting to their decision to deny funds for Regional Housing Services.
- B. Procurement of Housing Consultant for Stow Road Concept Development Committee (SRCDC)  
The 7 responses to the RFQ were reviewed by the SRCDC and 4 were considered worthy of further evaluation. Interviews were conducted and the 1<sup>st</sup> ranked candidate submitted a price that significantly exceeded the \$20,000 approved by the AHT. There was discussion about asking the AHT to reconsider approving funds to join Regional Housing Services and having them serve as the consultant to the Stow Road project. Elizabeth said the Regional Housing Services were scheduled to conduct interviews on July 24, and the SRCDC would be meeting on the same date. Ron made a motion to wait until after July 24<sup>th</sup> and then try to schedule a joint meeting with BHB and AHT to discuss the possibility of rescinding the \$20,000 for the Housing Consultant and approving funding for us to join the Regional Housing Services. Al seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

### IV.

- A. 72 Stow Road Cottage for Smoke Training  
Fire Chief White has proposed that the rear structure (cottage) at 72 Stow Road be used for smoke training. Al made a motion to recommend that the Board of Selectmen allow this. Diane seconded the motion with all voting in favor.
- B. The board reviewed a letter from the town of Wareham to the Board of Selectmen looking for support of an amendment to Ch. 40B that would allow for a change of the definition of Affordable Housing. Boxborough does not have any of the housing types referenced and the Board will not make a recommendation to the BOS about supporting this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted by Colleen Whitcomb

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_