

MINUTES
Boxborough Housing Board
Thursday, April 9, 2015
7:30 PM
Town Hall, 29 Middle Road

Housing Board Members Present: Al Murphy, Chair, Michael Fetterman, Joan Meyer, Ron Vogel

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM

I. Minutes

The minutes for the March 12, 2015 Housing Board were read and accepted.

II. Old Business

A. Housing Production Plan

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the Housing Production Plan (HPP) at their meeting on April 6, 2015. They were pleased with the document and voted to accept it. No changes or additions were recommended. The HPP will shortly be submitted to DHCD.

B. Community Preservation Act (CPA) Proposals

Ron Vogel, the CPA representative, distributed a draft application form for CPA funding. The timetables and deadlines for these applications have not been established yet.

III. New Business

A. Additional grant requests for the Boxborough Affordable Housing Trust (BAHT).

A motion was made to request funding from the BAHT for attendance at conferences. The following motion was made by Al Murphy:

It is moved that the Boxborough Housing Board request a grant from the Boxborough Affordable Housing Trust in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the attendance of conferences and seminars pertaining to the creation and preservation of affordable housing. Such funds will be used for registration fees and ancillary costs (such as travel costs) associated with meeting attendance. This use of funds from this grant must be approved by the Boxborough Housing Board Chairman or by a vote of Boxborough Housing Board.

The motion was seconded by Ron Vogel and unanimously approved.

In addition, the BHB discussed projects designed to increase the quantity of moderate-priced housing in Boxborough. The commissioning of a study of how to achieve this was met with some skepticism. It was suggested that a better approach would be to ask builders about the factors that would make moderate-priced housing more appealing to them. In addition to financial inducements, factors such as speed of project approval were cited as important.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Al Murphy.