

NORTHAMPTON HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

Minutes

April 7, 2016

Joint Meeting with Amherst Housing Committee And Valley Community Development Corporation

Northampton Members Present: Gordon Shaw, Peter Frothingham, Jim Reis, Lynne Wallace, Michael Roy, Richard Abuza. Joanne Campbell, Executive Director of Valley CDC and several members of the Amherst Housing and Homelessness Committee.

Summary

Valley CDC/ Joanne opened the meeting with an update of VCDC activities. This was followed by presentations by Northampton and Amherst on goals, objectives and projects.

Discussion followed on such topics as:

- Affordable housing projects occurring in the area
- Roles of Housing partnerships vs. housing trusts
- Tax abatement program/ expected impact
- Strategies to create preserve “little a” affordability

All present agreed the exchange was worthwhile. Having follow up meetings once or twice a year would be beneficial. Representatives from Easthampton had been invited, but no one attended. Bringing the three communities together will assist the VCDC with its annual strategic planning, as well as inform the individual towns about regional activity.

