

ACTON HOUSING AUTHORITY
 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
 68 WINDSOR AVENUE, ACTON MA 01720
 MINUTES
 October 28, 2008

Present: Ken Sghia-Hughes, Nancy Kolb, Dennis Sullivan and Robert Whittlesey
 Absent: Bernice Baran
 Also Present: Kelley Cronin, John Benkert, Charles Sullivan, Michelle Christensen and Alex Moghadam

Mr. Whittlesey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. John Benkert, a neighbor of AHA property at 27 Concord Road, discussed his desire to see some trees planted in front of the building to replace the dead trees that were removed. He also discussed his desire to have the smokers at the property not smoke near the property line. He said most of the tenants smoked on the other side or behind the house but that there is one person who routinely smokes in front pacing, coughing and spitting. Ms. Cronin said she would talk to the property manager about this issue.
2. Mr. Sullivan made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Sghia-Hughes and unanimously voted in the affirmative to:
Approve the minutes of the October 14, 2008 meeting.
3. Some of our Sachem Way neighbors joined the meeting, Michelle Christensen, Alex Moghadam, and Charles Sullivan. They expressed their concerns about the impact development on Sachem Way will have on their properties. Primarily the concern is related to the water table, septic odors and design. The neighbors expressed a strong desire to see the AHA address these issues. The Board is going to have an engineer meet with the neighbors at the property to discuss engineering and design directly with them.
4. The Board reviewed and discussed the most recent pro-forma for Sachem Way which showed a potential gap in financing. The Board also reviewed the Community Preservation Fund Applications.
5. Ms. Cronin discussed the concern a new resident has regarding the front doors and whether or not they should be locked. Ms. Cronin explained that the AHA does not require that residents keep the entrance to the buildings locked. Many residents like to keep it open so that if they have visitors they do not have to go down the stairs to let them in. Each resident can keep the door to their unit locked for security. The AHA lets the four residents who share a front door at Windsor Green work out between themselves whether or not to keep the front door locked. The Board agreed that letting the residents decide for themselves made sense.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley A. Cronin
 Executive Director

