

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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August 25, 2009

9:00 a.m. A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was convened by Chairman Daniel Matthews at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. Present were Mr. John Bulian, Mr. Jerry Wasserman, Mr. Moe Handel, Ms. Denise Garlick, Assistant Town Manager Christopher Coleman, Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick, and Ms. Judi Barrett, housing consultant.

9:00 a.m. **Charles River Landing**

Mr. Matthews stated that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss a request by Hanover to eliminate local preference requirements in the lottery process for the Charles River Landing Project based on new guidance from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

Ms. Barrett provided a background information on the requirements of Local Initiative Petition (LIP) projects. Ms. Barrett noted that LIP rental lotteries can be very complex, with multiple applicant pools and the need to balance local preference with racial parity. She noted that local preference has always been part of the discussion of this project, and is required in the Comprehensive Permit. She stated that DHCD had adopted new rules limiting local preference in this type of project, although the Town can submit a request that local preference be retained.

Mr. Wasserman suggested that the Town seek such approval rather than abandoning its commitment. Ms. Garlick asked about the availability of preferences for the disabled, including those with non-physical disabilities. The Board agreed that the Town should request enhanced outreach to cover local and regional organizations that serve the disabled, including, but not limited to those with physical disabilities.

Motion: Mr. Handel moved that the Board approve the marketing materials and schedule of rents, and to support a letter to be submitted to DHCD requesting both retention of the local preference requirement and also enhanced outreach to the disabled. Mr. Bulian seconded the motion. Unanimous: 5-0.

Mr. Bulian and Ms. Barrett left the meeting at 10:00.

10:00 a.m. Mr. Matthews briefed the Board on two parcels of land that have become available for purchase by the Town under M.G.L. Chapter 61A. He noted that the Board would be discussing the parcels during its meetings in September.

Mr. Matthews also asked Board members to provide written suggestions for revisions to the Board's adopted goals by October 1st in order to facilitate discussion at the first November meeting.

10:25 a.m. **Motion: Mr. Handel moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wasserman. Unanimous: 4 – 0.**