

**WILLIAMSTOWN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**October 2, 2013**

**Municipal Building**

Present: Bilal Ansari, Charles Bonenti, Van Ellet, Leigh Short, Cathy Yamamoto (Chair).

Absent: Cheryl Shanks

Invited Guest: Tim Geller, executive director, Community Development Corp. of South Berkshire

Others present: Tom Sheldon and Dick DeMayo (Affordable Housing Trust); Joan Burns; Stephen Dravis (iBerkshires); Martin Filion (Willinet).

The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by chairman Yamamoto, who introduced the speaker.

Geller presented an overview of the Pinewood affordable housing development his organization built in a flood plain adjoining Stockbridge's sewage treatment plant and opened in 2007.

The 30-unit, mixed affordable and market rate family housing project, completed in 2007, occupies 3.5 of 19 acres purchased by the Great Barrington-based nonprofit owner, Construct, and developed by the CDC, a nonprofit 501(c3) organization.

The presentation focused on ways to build in a floodplain to minimize impact on the environment, e.g. constructing units on piers, keeping utilities above flood stage, creating compensatory wetlands areas, etc.

The open portion of the meeting was adjourned on a roll call vote at 6:15 p.m. so the AHC could meet with the Affordable Housing Trust in executive session.

NOTE: The next AHC meeting with consultants Connie Kruger and Jennifer Goldson is Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

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