

**AMHERST HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY AUGUST 24, 2009**  
**ANN WHALEN COMMUNITY ROOM**  
**33 KELLOGG AVE. AMHERST, MA**

Members of the Amherst Housing Authority met in regular session on Monday August 24, 2009 in the community room of Ann Whalen Apartments, 33 Kellogg Ave., Amherst, MA. The Vice Chair, J. Haggerty, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** J. Brooks, J. Haggerty, J. Logan

**ABSENT:** P. Jessop

**ALSO PRESENT:** D. Crabtree, Y. Friman

**AGENDA ADOPTION/CHANGES:** D. Crabtree requested that approval of accounts payable be deferred until the next regular board meeting. Upon motion of J. Brooks, seconded by J. Logan, it was voted to approve the agenda as amended.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Upon motion of J. Brooks, seconded by J. Logan it was voted to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2009 meeting.

**TENANT CONCERNS: ANN WHALEN APARTMENTS:** J. Haggerty stated that the University of Massachusetts nursing student wellness program would begin on September 17, 2009. D. Crabtree stated that roof replacement and solar panel installation project will begin this autumn.

**OLYMPIA DRIVE PROPOSAL:** Members reviewed the memorandum prepared by D. Crabtree concerning the potential reuse of 2 units on Olympia Drive as housing for homeless individuals. The 705 state-aided housing duplex, (two three bedroom units) is in need of renovation. The Town may be willing to use CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds if the Authority uses it as a local safe haven project. This means that services would be provided; the service provider would have a 24/7 presence on the premises. Services are “wrap around”; a support and service plan would be developed and implemented for each tenant. This proposal would be a sponsor based housing model; the Authority would lease the premises to the sponsor (service provider)

and the sponsor would sublet to residents. Since the proposal is basically a housing first model, the resident's length of stay would not be limited. The Housing Authority's commitment would be the length of the lease agreement with the service provider. DHCD is now considering this proposal.

**ADJOURN:** Upon motion of J. Brooks, seconded by J. Logan, it was voted to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday September 29, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the community room of Jean Elder House, 9 Chestnut Street., Amherst, MA.