

Tyringham Housing Commission  
Tyringham Affordable Housing Association, Inc.  
Minutes -- 12 Nov 2013

Present: Gail Charpentier, Judy Morehouse, Carey McIntosh

(1) Minutes for 8 Oct 2013 approved as circulated.

(2) Finances: balance in Adams Community Bank: \$75,306.93 on Oct. 31. No change in other accounts.

(3) BRPC sponsored a meeting on affordable housing in Pittsfield. Gail will call to try to get workshop materials and ask advice.

(4) Schoolhouse -- One reason Jerry Miller opposed affordable housing in the Schoolhouse was that the Town has no other properties (aside from Town Hall and the dump); he is reluctant to put a 30-year deed restriction on the Schoolhouse, because it would drastically restrict the Town's use of the property. We consulted a good housing lawyer about that restriction. Peter Puciloski tells us that it's almost impossible to bow out of a 30-year deed restriction if state money has gone into the project. We shall find out if that holds true for new affordable housing without state money, and if it does not we'll approach the Historical Commission to ask about a challenge to the Selectboard's rejection of our proposal, at a special town meeting.

Discussion of the future of TAHA and the THC. If the Schoolhouse proposal doesn't work out, we don't have any reasonable or feasible projects to work on. Over the last nine and a half years we have tried every option available, unsuccessfully. The town and its citizens appreciate

our efforts, but won't or can't give us the access to property we need. NIMBY is part of the problem, but also high real estate prices and financial pressures on the town.

The TAHA Articles of Incorporation specify that "in the event of dissolution, . . . the corporation's property shall be conveyed or distributed" to an organization "created and operated for nonprofit purposes similar to" ours, and names Construct, Inc. of Great Barrington as one such organization.