



STOW HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Stow Housing Authority, founded by Town Meeting, is authorized by and operates under the provisions of Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws to manage and administer low-rent housing programs, funded by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development. The operations of the Authority are supported entirely by grants or contracts with the state or federal governments. The Stow Housing Authority is governed by a Board of five commissioners, four of whom are locally elected with the fifth member appointed by the Commonwealth. The Board of Commissioners meets as necessary at the Town Building. The Stow Housing Authority has contracted with the Hudson Housing Authority to administer the rental assistance programs.

The mission of the Stow Housing Authority is to provide decent and safe housing to needy persons. Currently, the Stow Housing Authority administers state vouchers, which are assigned to the Pilot Grove Development.

The Hudson Housing Authority staff conducts the day-to-day program administration.

The Stow Housing Authority continues as the monitoring agent for the affordable housing units built at the Villages at Stow as well as the LIP (local initiative program) located at Elm Ridge.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Robert Barrell, Stow and Hudson Housing
Authority

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Department Description

The Information Technology Department serves other Town departments through a series of services that includes integrating computer systems, coordinating and providing training, negotiating and managing information technology-related contracts, and technology assistance and support. This includes, but is not limited to, all IT related upgrades, migrations or integrations, as well as responsibility for planning the future IT infrastructure.

The department creates the technological environment that enables Town employees to quickly access vital information using the most efficient and cost effective system hardware and software. The department provides leadership as an active partner in the Departmental telecommunications and data-sharing network.

Mission

The Information Technology Department assists Town departments in responding to the needs of the citizens by enabling Town employees to quickly access vital information. We are dedicated to providing quality service through teamwork, partnerships, and developing team and individual strengths.

Outcomes

- Provide quality, cost effective telecommunication services to all Town departments.
- Provide and maintain effective business applications, which help us maintain our information to meet residents' needs.
- Provide and maintain a secure, reliable, and effective Information Technology Infrastructure.
- Increase public access to information and Town services through the Internet.
- Provide project management of Information Technology solutions that are being deployed at any time within the municipal departments.
- Responsible for the strategic planning and implementation of all computer, data networking and telecommunications systems.

Commendations

I am proud to report that the town received the 2010 e-government award from the Massachusetts Common Cause and recognition of our commitment to transparency from the House of Representatives.