

- Make recommendation to the Selectmen for the optimal design option.
- Establish working relationships with local and state organizations involved with trails.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rachel Ganimian, Secretary

Michael Kaskiewicz  
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### **POMPO USE STUDY COMMITTEE**

The Pompo Use Study Committee, which reports to the Board of Selectmen, is composed of five members, each serving an indefinite term. The Committee is responsible for finding the best use possible for the Pompositticut School Building after the Nashoba Regional School District has vacated the Building.

After gathering information by utilizing on-line surveys, newspapers, public forums and interviewing those departments, groups and businesses that are interested in space at the Pompositticut building we have confirmed that there is a great need in the town for a community center. It is our mission to be sure that everyone is heard and we deliver an accurate and well-planned idea for the building.

On November 22, 2011 the Board of Selectmen voted to extend the charge and terms of the Pompo Use Study Committee, and allow it to continue its work as the newly created Community Center Building Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **STOW MUNICIPAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

The Stow Municipal Affordable Housing Trust (SMAHT) was established by Town Meeting vote on May 16, 2005, when the Town voted to accept the provisions of MGL C44 s 55C, paragraphs (a) through (j) inclusive, establishing a municipal affordable housing trust fund. In May 2008, Town Meeting voted to adopt special provisions in the Town of Stow bylaws which guide the activities of the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust. These provide for a Board of Trustees consisting of seven trustees to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, one of whom

must be a selectman. Trustees serve for a term of two years, with no limit on the number of terms. In 2010, the bylaws were amended at Annual Town Meeting to further refine the powers and responsibilities of the Trust.

Some notable events and information from the Trust for 2011 include:

- The Trust completed the Housing Production Plan for the Town of Stow. The Board of Selectmen submitted the Plan to the Department of Housing and Community Development and gained approval in May 2011. The acceptance of this Plan is one of the key elements, along with progress towards the 10% affordable housing target, to exempt Stow from the Chapter 40B development program.
- The 2010 Census Year-Round Housing Units for Stow is 2,500, and thus the new target for 10% low and moderate income eligible units is 250. The current inventory of affordable units recognized by the Commonwealth for Stow is 143, or 5.7% of the total. The target for 0.5% annual growth is 13 units, which, combined with the certified HPP, would provide a waiver from the provisions of Chapter 40B development for the year.
- The Trust established a loan program for pre-development funds for eligible developers of affordable housing developments in town.
- The Trust continued to work with the Stow Community Housing Corporation to find ways to support the expansion projects at Pilot Grove and Plantation Apartments, which would significantly increase our inventory of affordable units while providing additional housing that our community needs.
- The Trust established ties with several local affordable housing developers to understand current industry practices and how development might be encouraged in Town.

Goals for 2012 include:

- Approaching affordable housing problems from a regional perspective
- Working with nearby towns to understand best practices and to encourage friendly 40B development
- Exploring ways to enable new affordable housing in ways that do not permanently deplete Trust funds
- Updating the Town's Comprehensive Permit Policy

Respectfully submitted,

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