

**WATERTOWN HOUSING PARTNERSHIP
Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 6:00 pm
Continued to Wednesday March 3, 2010 at 9am
3rd Floor Conference Room**

Attendees:

David Leon, Chair
Fred Reynolds, Member
Alex Liazos, Member
Steven Magoon, Director, DCDP
Danielle Fillis, Senior Planner, DCDP
Jennifer Van Campen, Director, Watertown Community Housing

I. Public Hearing

WCH's Request for FY2011 HOME funds for 1060 Belmont Street Environmental Issues

Jennifer Van Campen prefaced the request for \$150,000 in FY11 HOME funds with a status update on the environmental issues at the 1060 Belmont Street Apartments site.

She explained that there could be several different scenarios with varying degrees of environmental contamination and cleanup measures. The first step is to have a LSP perform a site assessment and environmental testing. The underground storage tank that was discovered would need to be removed.

ESS, the environmental professionals working with the project architects, estimated that the clean-up could be around \$170,000. However, if the ground water is found to be contaminated, further testing may be required downgradient and additional air quality and radon systems may be needed. The "worst case scenario" is that petroleum contamination is found to affect the air quality in Jerry's Kitchen, and WCH would have to put a subslab there as well.

It was noted that the HOME funds would not be spent on cleanup, but would rather go towards construction costs, allowing other project funds to augment the contingency funds that have already been set aside in the budget.

Of the \$150,000 of FY11 HOME funds to be reallocated to 1060 Belmont Street, \$99,809 would come from the elimination of the Housing Rehab project and the transfer of \$50,191 of the \$60,619 First Time Homebuyer Program budget.

Fred Reynolds made a motion to approve the request to allocated up to \$150,000 to 1060 Belmont Street. David Leon seconded the motion. The motioned passed 2-0 with Alex Liazos recused.

II. Adjourn

The next WHP meeting is scheduled for March 16th at 6pm.