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Windham Housing Trust's Mission Expands

Windham Housing Trust members voted at an April 21 Special Meeting to change the organization's name to the Windham & Windsor Housing Trust. The vote brings the Housing Trust another step closer to expanding its mission of providing affordable housing to southern Windsor County as well as Windham County.

In early 2010, Rockingham Area Community Land Trust (RACLT) approached Windham Housing Trust (WHT) with the idea of joining forces in Windham and Windsor Counties. High executive turnover at RACLT over the past 15 years, combined with the economic downturn, had taken a toll on the organization, and the board realized that its residents would be best served if Windham Housing Trust were to get involved.

Over the course of the past year, the Windham Housing Trust board and staff studied the options and the feasibility of various collaborations, and analyzed the advantages and disadvantages of each one. Their conclusion was the same as the RACLT board, and in December the boards of both organizations approved resolutions to move ahead.

On April 7, RACLT members voted to dissolve the corporation and convey selected assets to Windham Housing Trust. The conveyance will more than double the number of towns WHT serves and will increase the number of affordable housing units it stewards from 464 to 714.

"From the start of the process, one of our primary considerations was ensuring that the expanded organization would be stronger than the sum of its parts," explains Connie Snow, WHT executive director. "Every decision that has been made by both organizations has been based on achieving that goal. We're looking forward to being able to provide the same level of service to this expanded region that we have provided in Windham County for the past 24 years."

The actual closing and asset transfer is set for the middle of May, and current RACLT staff will be hired by Windham & Windsor Housing Trust after the closing.

“The overall mission of Windham & Windsor Housing Trust will remain unchanged,” says Ed Sensor, WHT board president. “We’ll continue to provide decent and affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents of Windham and southern Windsor Counties in order to foster vibrant, diverse, and attractive communities.”

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