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Windham & Windsor Housing Trust Holds Annual Meeting ***7 New People Serving on the Board of this Expanded Organization***

WWHT held its 24th annual meeting on Thursday night and elected five new board members to its expanded organization, as well as 2 new advisory members. WWHT now serves both Windham and southern Windsor County out of its offices in Brattleboro and Springfield Vermont.

“The addition of these members will help ensure representation for our entire service area”, says, Connie Snow, executive director of WWHT. “We are so fortunate to have with us, people who are so well known in their communities and who can bring a breadth of experience and expertise to the work that we do. All seven new members believe and support our mission”

New board members include:

Dan Yates, President of Brattleboro Savings and Loan, and long time supporter of the Windham Housing Trust, is one of the new southern members of WWHT. BS&L serves the Brattleboro community and operates The Springfield Savings and Loan, which is located directly across the street from the WWHT new Springfield Office.

Teta Hilsdon from Brattleboro Museum and Arts Center and a self-employed potter will joins the board, adding to both the Brattleboro representation and to the development committee.

Alice Emmons, the longest serving Representative in the state house brings a lifetime of knowledge from the Springfield area. She knows the community well and will be an incredible asset to WWHT as it moves forward into southern Windsor County.

Barbara Ternes from Rockingham is the director of Parks Place, an organization with a long-standing history and reputation for serving the community of Rockingham. Barbara’s dedication, skills and knowledge will benefit all the WWHT work in Rockingham.

Jeanette Staley comes from the Westminster/Bellows Falls areas. She has served on the boards of Westminster Cares and the Village of North Westminster. She currently works at the Harlow Farm Kitchen in Westminster.

In addition two advisory members will serve on the board:

Richard Crocker, a contractor from Chester VT currently serves on the Board of Vermont Legal Aid & Vestry, St Lukes Episcopal Church. He has served on the Rockingham Area Land Trust Board for the past 17 years, many of those years as Chair of the Board. **He is the current 2011 recipient of the Thomas C. Yahn Housing Leadership Award for all his great work on behalf of affordable housing.**

Ron Theissen, a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Financial Planner Owner Skygate Financial Group, LLC and Ronald j Theissen, CPA, CFP is based out of Chester, VT. He brings to us his many years of experience working on affordable housing.

These seven members join our existing board, which includes, Bruce Abrams, Larry Cassidy, Elizabeth Fisher, Claudette Hollenbeck, Mary Houghton, Andrew Jacobek Sherri Keefe, Drew Richards, Jeff Shumlin and Whit Wheeler.

The addition of these members enhances the presence of WWHT in Windham and southern Windsor County and helps to promote the vision of providing safe, decent, affordable housing to neighbors and friends.

For more information on the programs and work of the Windham & Windsor Housing Trust, please visit www.w-wht.org.