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February 9, 2007

Kevin McCormick  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of West Boylston  
120 Prescott Street  
West Boylston, MA 01583

RE: Crescent Village, West Boylston, MA  
PE-447

Dear Mr. McCormick:

The Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MassHousing) has received a Project Eligibility application under the Housing Starts program for Crescent Village located in West Boylston, MA.

To ensure a thorough review of the application, we are soliciting comments from the Town of West Boylston regarding this development. Any comments submitted should focus on the level of contact that the developer has had with the Town of West Boylston to explain the details of the proposed development and any issues or concerns the Town of West Boylston may have with the proposed development.

Please include in your comments the number and size of the 40B Comprehensive Permit applications your town has received within the last 12 months. If possible, please identify those applications that have been approved.

Finally, please note that if and when an application is made for a comprehensive permit, financial and technical assistance is available to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Massachusetts Housing Partnership's (MHP) *Ch. 40B Technical Assistance Program* administers grants to municipalities for up to \$10,000 to engage qualified third-party consultants to work with the ZBA in reviewing the Ch. 40B proposal. For more information about MHP's technical assistance grant visit MHP's web site, [www.mhp.net/40B](http://www.mhp.net/40B), or e-mail [communityinfo@mhp.net](mailto:communityinfo@mhp.net). Also available at MHP's web site are the "Local 40B Review and Decision Guidelines" that were released in November 2005 to provide guidance to local officials as they review comprehensive permit applications. These guidelines have been endorsed by the Department of

Housing and Community Development, MassHousing and the other state agencies that finance affordable housing in the Commonwealth.

Please send your written comments to MassHousing by March 9, 2007. MassHousing will issue a decision as to the acceptability of the site and the general consistency of this development with the guidelines of the Housing Starts program. If you have any questions, please contact me Richard Herlihy at (617) 854-1335.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne".

Anne Good  
Production Analyst