TOWN OF AMHERST

COMMITTEE CHARGE

Name: HOUSING PARTNERSHIP/FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

Appointing authority: SB

Town code: 17

Type: Committee

Town bylaw: no

Number of voting members: 7

Member appointment: 3 yrs.

Voting members to include (where possible): One member involved in UMass off-campus housing.

Non-voting liaisons:

Committee charge summary:

The committee's tasks include the following:

1) to review possible imbalances in the geographical patterns of residences occupied by persons who are members of minority racial groups,
2) to review a Fair Housing Plan and Program and to recommend action on same periodically to the Select Board,
3) to supervise the publication and updating of "A Guide to Understanding Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Landlord or Tenant,
4) to review residential development projects and to submit recommendations to appropriate town boards and committees,
5) to solicit private sector involvement to increase opportunities for affordability, within the context of growth management measures,
6) to maintain public and media relations on housing issues including the preparation of a "developer's packet," and
7) to investigate the formation of a non-profit development agency.

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On June 15, 1998, the Select Board voted to designate board and committee members as "special municipal employees" under the terms and conditions of G.L. c. 268A.