

The Governor Stoughton Trust Land Committee

The Governor Stoughton Trust Land Best Use Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, each appointed for a one (1) year term by a majority of the Governor Stoughton Trustees. The Committee shall provide an advisory opinion to the Trustees of the Governor Stoughton Trust regarding the use of the Governor Stoughton Trust Land in keeping with the charitable purpose expressed by the trust language. The Committee shall recommend to the Trustees of the Governor Stoughton Trust possible approaches to address the future use of the Governor Stoughton Trust Land and shall, in any event, report at least quarterly to the Trustees on their progress. Ideal persons to serve on the Committee would include but not be limited to Milton residents with: Affordable Housing background, persons with financial, engineering, construction, real estate, legal, Historical, communications, and/or architectural skills as well as interested neighbors and/or community members.

The Milton Town Planner has volunteered to serve as staff to the Committee. The Committee may from time to time request the Milton Planning Board, the Director of the Department of Public Works and the social worker who currently advises the Board of Selectmen regarding matters of needy Milton residents to serve as Consultants to the Committee.

In reviewing, receiving information and researching possible acceptable uses for the land, the Committee shall adhere to the following goals:

1. Adhere to the specific directive(s) under the Last Will and Testament of Governor Stoughton that the land be used to “benefit the poor of Milton”.
2. Committee recommendations can address but are not limited to generating income for the Trust and providing funding for affordable housing in Milton.
3. Any proposal shall be mindful of state laws and regulations, Town bylaws, Zoning and Building Codes but may also propose changes in Town regulations to the Board of Selectmen, if applicable.

In formulating the Committee’s recommendations, the following items may be considered (but are not exclusive) in the Committee’s deliberations:

- A. past use of the property
- B. area traffic issues (present and future)
- C. access to public transportation
- D. air and water quality standards
- E. use vs. transfer of Trust land’s development rights
- F. present and anticipated infrastructure changes
- G. protection of the area environment
- H. the fair market value of the land
- I. the number of residents (past and future) who may be benefited or adversely affected by any proposal.