

## Eastham Affordable Housing Trust – Vision Statement

The Eastham Affordable Housing Trust was created with the approval of Town Meeting May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008, and a Declaration of Trust was signed by the original five appointed members of the Trust: Dr. Andrew Cederbaum, S. Kyle Hinkle, William Burt, Carol Martin and the Rev. Matthew Wissell in October 2009. The second article of that Declaration of Trust defined the purpose of the Trust:

**The purpose of the Trust shall be to provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the Town of Eastham for the benefit of low and moderate income households.**

Recognizing this purpose, and the Housing Needs Assessment/Housing Production Plan prepared for the Board of Selectmen in February 2010, the Eastham Affordable Housing Trust adopted a formal vision statement for the direction of future Trust activities on August 2, 2011.

The Affordable Housing Trust's efforts and projects will include but are not limited to:

- Engage the community in discussions which will build support for affordable housing and dispel myths and negative attitudes about such projects.
- Seek out existing market housing which can be modified into affordable home units with long-term affordable housing restrictions.
- Foster development of affordable housing, on available municipal property and appropriate infill lots, that is both in context with the surrounding neighborhood and sensitive to the environment.
- Encourage the increase of affordable units in private development that meet local housing goals.
- Support the Eastham Housing Authority efforts to secure and provide more rental housing opportunities.
- Work with the Eastham Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and the Local Comprehensive Planning Committee to insure inclusion of future long term affordable housing needs.
- Work with the Eastham Business Community to identify needs for Workforce Housing
- Continue to seek out available Commonwealth, Federal or other funding sources which will provide capital for projects related to affordable housing.
- Create innovative programs and make use of existing methods in an effort to financially assist low and moderate income homebuyers, homeowners and renters.