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Housing Advocacy Group Announces New Leadership

The Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast (WHC) announces new leaders for 2006. Mr. Bob Dunfey and Ms. Stephanye Schuyler have been named as co-chairs of the advocacy group. The Coalition's mission is to encourage the development of a range of housing for the workforce of the Greater Seacoast region of New Hampshire and Maine. The Members of the Coalition are from area businesses, community leaders, and concerned citizens who recognize the connection between a diverse housing stock and regional economic vitality.

Mr. Dunfey, a member of the familiar Dunfey family of New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts, is a resident of York, ME, and a private consultant to hotel and real estate developers. Bob became involved with WHC because he was "...concerned that the lack of a diverse range of housing was changing the mix of individuals and families in our communities and damaging the personality of the NH and Maine towns that we treasure".

Ms. Schuyler is a Public Relations Executive for Unitil, a gas and electric public utility serving the Seacoast and Capital regions of New Hampshire and North Central Massachusetts. Stephanye joined WHC because she "...believes workforce housing is the critical issue for the Seacoast. The price of housing is out of reach for our local heroes - teachers, police, fire fighters, artists, nurses, and others. ... looks forward to working on their behalf to bring more workforce housing to the Seacoast. It makes economic, political and cultural sense and it's the right thing to do".

The Coalition extends its appreciation to the out-going co-chairs, Mr. Jameson French, President of Northland Forest Products, Inc., and Mr. Dick Ingram, President of the Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce. Their extraordinary commitment and contributions have helped to raise the awareness of the housing crisis in the seacoast. Their leadership and support have been an invaluable resource and we offer our sincerest thanks for their dedication to the goal of developing workforce housing in the seacoast.

The Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast is the education and advocacy program of The Housing Partnership-a 501c(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, phone 603/766-3131, email info@seacoastwhc.org, or visit www.seacoastwhc.org or www.housingpartnership.org.