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HOUSING PARTNERSHIP APPOINTS COHEN, FOX TO BOARD

PORTSMOUTH, NH - The Housing Partnership, a nonprofit provider of affordable housing, announced today that it has appointed Philip Cohen and Ken Fox to its Board of Directors.

Cohen, an account officer in the commercial real estate finance department in the Portsmouth office of Ocean Bank, A Division of People's United Bank, is co-chair of the Atlantic Heights neighborhood association of Portsmouth. He is a graduate of the 2008 class of Leadership Seacoast and current treasurer of Catapult Seacoast, an organization that provides growth opportunities to young professionals.

"Affordable housing plays a key role for attracting and retaining young professionals in New Hampshire, and is critical in developing and maintaining diverse communities in the Greater Seacoast", Cohen said. "I look forward to serving on The Housing Partnership's Board of Directors in working to provide housing for everyone."

Fox, a sales professional and resident of Rye, is a former member of the Board of Selectman of Rye, and was the Rye Beach Commissioner, a volunteer position, for 17 years. Fox said he became interested in the Housing Partnership through its local affordable housing developments which include an 8 unit family complex in Rye center, and the pending 22-unit Rye Airfield Retirement Community Development on Lafayette Road. Fox said the decision to join The Housing partnership was a natural one that follows his lifelong commitment to volunteering.

Housing Partnership President Jeff Gilbert said the organization was pleased by the appointments. "Phil and Ken bring relevant professional and community involvement backgrounds to the organization combined with a common commitment to affordable housing," Gilbert said.

Founded in 1988, The Housing Partnership has created over 225 affordable rental units in 11 communities around the seacoast. Its mission is to strengthen communities by providing quality affordable housing and related services to benefit low and moderate-income residents of the Greater Seacoast region of New Hampshire and Maine.

The Portsmouth-based agency's work makes it possible for over 500 adults, children, seniors and disabled citizens to obtain secure homes each year and educates first time homebuyers through its Homeward Bound Program. For more information, visit www.housingpartnership.org

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