

## **Durkee, William W.**

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**To:** Dan Reedy  
**Subject:** RE: [Waltham] CPA affordable housing

Dan - Thank you.  
Regards, Bill

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From: Dan Reedy [mailto:[rrrte23@yahoo.com](mailto:rrrte23@yahoo.com)]  
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Message:

Just want to throw out a "out of the box" suggestion for affordable housing.

Consider utilities cost as a part of the affordable housing plan. For example, improve rental properties with efficient furnaces and energy efficient windows - while, at the same time, requiring that the landlord agree to not raise the rent based on improved property.

Consider funding lead abatement in apartments that rent below average market rates in Waltham. Again, require landlord to not raise rent costs on apartments that have been improved through this funding. Doing the lead abatement would open up more affordable options for families with young children.

I do not own property in Waltham so my suggestions are not self-serving. I have heard from residents who are struggling with paying housing costs, and those who are having trouble finding affordable housing, that these two issues are problems frequently encountered.

Here's real pie-in-the-sky - partner with vocational schools or non-profits that would hire young Waltham residents to do "green" updating of houses - learn construction and green construction.

OK, I'd consider one of the two a win.

Dan

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