



ALICE SAVAGE, ACTING DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
TOWN OF EASTON
136 Elm Street | Easton, Massachusetts 02356
Tel: (508) 230-0643 | Fax: (508) 230-0639 | E-Mail: asavage@easton.ma.us

To: Abutters to 24, 28, and 34 Main Street
CC: David Colton
All Easton Boards & Committees
From: Alice Savage, Department of Planning & Community Development
Date: November 2, 2009
Re: **Meeting Announcement: Historical Commission Meeting, November 10
Proposed Alternative Redevelopment Plan for the Easton Shovel Shops**

In late 2008, a group of concerned citizens and community leaders formed the Friends of the Ames Shovel Works, an organization whose mission was to preserve the historic industrial complex at the heart of the North Easton Village known as the Shovel Shops. The Friends presented an alternate development proposal for restoration and reuse of the site as a mixed-income residential community that would carefully restore and preserve the architectural integrity of the Shovel Shops.

You are invited to attend the Easton Historical Commission's meeting on November 10 to hear Beacon Communities Development, LLC (Beacon Communities) and Town of Easton staff present a proposal to implement the Friends' plan.

Public Information Session: Proposed Alternative Development at the Shovel Shops

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Board of Selectmen Meeting Room, Easton Town Hall

The alternative development proposal consists of 119 or fewer units of housing, a 1.5 acre public park, new gallery/museum space, and pedestrian access to integrate the new "neighborhood" into the North Easton Village. The project is proposed to be permitted under the existing Comprehensive Permit (under MGL c. 40B), and 20% of the units will be affordable. The project is more fully described in an attached memo, sent to the Board of Selectmen last week.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://tinyurl.com/PlanningEastonMA> or call Alice Savage, Acting Director of Planning & Community Development at 508-230-0643.