

MHIC News

Ribbon cutting celebrates completion of Old High School Commons in Acton

LIHTC project provides 15 affordable housing units

On July 7th, public officials, lenders, project developers, community leaders and others came together to celebrate the completion of Old High School Commons – an affordable housing project that involved the restoration of a historic, vacant school into affordable family housing.



For this project, MHIC provided \$2.9 million in low-income housing tax credit financing.

L-R: Nancy Tavernier, Steve Joncas, Pam Harting-Barrat, Joseph Flatley, Senator Jamie Eldridge, Congresswoman Niki Tsongas, Karen Frederick.

The old high school, built in 1925 at Massachusetts Ave. and Charter Rd., remained open until 1958 when the town joined with Boxborough to create a regional high school.

According to Nancy Tavernier, chairwoman of the Acton Housing Development Corporation, "It was the town's first high school and is considered significant as a representation of Acton's community life and culture in the early 20th century."

Nearly ten years after plans had emerged to demolish the building, construction has been completed and residents have moved into the restored building, which has been nominated for listing on the National Register of Historic Buildings.

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