## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## HOUSING APPEALS COMMITTEE

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## NOTICE OF MEDIATION SCREENING

Wall Street Development Corp.

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Town of Walpole Zoning Board of Appeals

The parties are required to participate in a Mediation Screening with the Massachusetts Office of Public Collaboration (MOPC) on the day of your Conference of Counsel. You will meet with the MOPC Mediation Screener immediately following your scheduled Conference of Counsel.

Before the Conference of Counsel/Mediation Screening, all counsel must:

- Discuss mediation with their clients
- Notify them that of the availability of subsidized initial mediation (see enclosed MOPC Mediation Information Sheet)

Most cases have some potential for negotiated settlement, particularly with the assistance of a neutral mediator. Mediation Screening is an opportunity for counsel, and principals, if they choose to attend, to meet with each other and to discuss with the MOPC Screener the needs of their case, the benefits of participating in mediation, and the Housing Appeals Mediation Program.

The Mediation Screening is a separate event. It does not affect any scheduled Housing Appeals Committee events or constitute grounds for the rescheduling of such events. There is no charge for the screening. For additional information about the Mediation Program, see the enclosed information sheet.

If you have any questions about mediation or if you and opposing counsel are ready to schedule a mediation session at this time, please contact MOPC at (617) 287-4040.

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