

# Local cooperative project declared violence free zone

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The Board of Directors for Cobblehill Homes Co-Op in Acton have been meeting for the last year on an average of one to two times a month working on finalizing the By-Laws which are required to organize a building development along with all the other items.

On December 5, 1991 a general members meeting was held at

which time it was passed unanimously by the members and Board that "Cobblehill Homes Co-Op does not accept or condone domestic violence in any form" therefore we, the members declare that Cobblehill Homes Co-Op will be a domestic violence free zone. The Board and members passed the following amendments to our occupancy by-law: Domestic Violence-Cobblehill Homes Co-Operative Incorporated does not accept or condone domestic violence in any form. Any new or present

member must abide by the co-op's domestic violence policy. A victim of domestic violence (in any form) can: (a)Petition the Board to have their offending spouse or cohabiting member's membership terminated; (b)Obtain a rent-geared-to-income subsidy available for members in need; (c)Obtain information for any and all support groups available in the community; (d)Apply for reinstatement of their spouse's or cohabiting member's membership when the member is ready to accept the of-

fending member back and the Board WILL do so with no conditions; (e)Be assured that all information given to the Board and/or its representations will be held in strictest confidence.

Termination for Domestic Violence: The Board will terminate a member's right to occupy a unit in the Co-Op when anyone resident in their household petitions the Board that a household member has been a victim of domestic violence (in any form)

perpetrated by the offending member. Notwithstanding procedure of Termination of Occupancy for Default termination will be immediate when any of the following occur: (a)There is in effect a restraining order, a peace bond or terms of bail which do not allow contact between the member and their spouse, children or any other member of the Co-Op or; (b)The offending member has voluntarily abandoned the unit or; (c)There is a conviction of assault levied against the member.

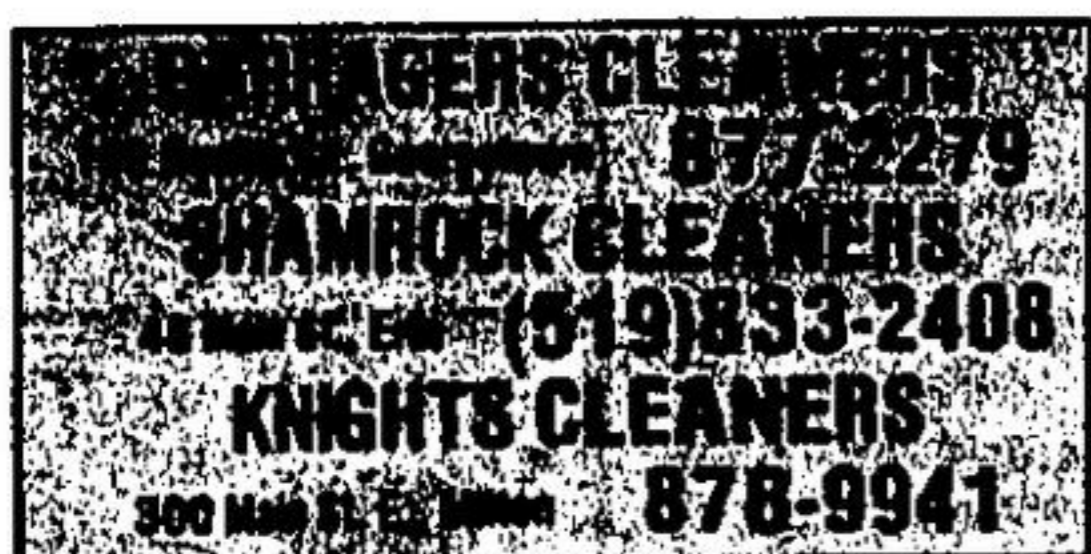
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