

## **How to Join Bay State Commons**

Interested households that want to join Bay State Commons must first become associate members.

Households may become associate members Bay State Commons by fulfilling the following obligations:

- a) Attend at least two weekly meetings;
- b) Meet with representatives of at least two Equity member households to discuss their background and interest in co-housing;
- c) Complete a survey on background and interest in co-housing;
- d) Offer an an initial non-refundable payment of \$250, paid to the bursar or holder of checkbook;
- e) Read The Cohousing Handbook by Chris and Kelly Scotthanson.

Subsequent semi-annual, non-refundable payments of \$250 are required of all associate members, on all January 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> dates following initial payment.

## **Associate Membership Rights and Responsibilities**

**Associate members** are those who have made an initial commitment to Bay State Commons.

Rights and Responsibilities of an Associate Member:

- a) to attend meetings of Bay State Commons;
- b) to participate in planning committees;
- c) and to voice opinions in meetings.

Termination of Associate membership may occur in one of two ways:

- a) by discontinuing semi-annual payments and foregoing membership;
- b) by becoming an equity member.