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Belmont Housing Trust – Minutes for October 19, 2017

Present: Helen Bakeman, Rachel Heller, Gloria Leipzig, Betsy Lipson, Judy Singler
Absent: Tommasina Olson, Paul Rickter, Alisa Gardner-Todreas, Judie Feins
Guests: Jen Van Campen (MWCD), Julie Perkins, Anne Covino Goldenberg

September minutes: Helen noted that Julie's name was misspelled under public comment. With that correction noted, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Planning Board: Chuck Clark has been appointed Chair and Steve Pinkerton is Vice Chair. No one is yet appointed to the Housing Trust. Raffi Manjikian resigned. Board will be looking at General Residence Zoning District amendments that were adopted several years ago.

Library concept put aside for Waverley. The Planning Board will look once again at Waverley Square and South Pleasant Street, likely in January.

Royal Belmont: 3 buildings open, 2 buildings to be open soon.

Cushing Square: Bradford moving along. Construction moving forward regardless of law suits.

Planning Board is aware that the HPP was submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

Community Preservation Act (CPA) Application: Housing Trust initiative received first round approval. Public Meeting will be on November 8th. Each applicant will have 5 minutes to present proposal. Proposal due December 4th. All of the proposals submitted were forwarded onto the next round. Rachel and Betsy will work with Jen Van Campen to further develop the proposal. All projects given final approval by the CPC will be reviewed and voted on by the Capital Budget Committee, the Warrant Committee, and the Selectmen before final approval by Town Meeting.

Housing Production Plan Next Steps: Judie submitted HPP to Board of Selectmen. Judie and Gloria will contact Chuck Clark to learn more about Planning Board process. Judie will contact members of Board of Selectmen to schedule meetings to discuss the HPP. Once the HPP is approved, it still needs final approval by DHCD.

Metro West Collaborative Update: Rachel proposed Housing Trust meet with Planning Board Chair to discuss doing a place-making process together for Waverley Square. Funding for Waverley Square place-making work could be funded through the Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC). Judie and Jen will be reaching out to Belmont Savings Bank and/or Watertown Savings Bank about matching Community Investment Tax Credit donation and getting involved with the place-making process. Helen recommended Metro West reach out once again to the owner of Moraine Street property to determine if a development partnership is possible.

Publicizing CITC: Guest commentary in Citizen Herald and Belmontonian. Judie Feins and Gloria will reach out to Planning Board about place-making for Waverley neighborhood. Rachel will find out if Town Boards can endorse CITC.

ROUNDTABLE: TriCommunity Roundtable on building support for affordable housing will be on Sunday, October 29th from 1:30 to 4:00. The HPP will be one of the break-out groups.

Motion to Adjourn: Judy moved to adjourn, Gloria seconded, unanimously approved.

Adjournment

Submitted by Rachel Heller