

DATE: June 25, 2021  
TIME: 8:54 AM

Belmont Housing Trust Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2020  
7:30PM

**Attendees:** Judy Singler, Rachel Heller, Paul Rickter, Betsy Lipson, Madeline Fraser Cook, Tomi Olson, Judie Feins, Gloria Leipzig, Thayer Donham  
Guest: Jennifer Van Campen

Discussion regarding whether to extend the emergency rental assistance for another month (4<sup>th</sup> month). Questions that were considered: is it equitable? can we support a 4<sup>th</sup> month for everyone? what if we extend only to the lowest income?

Most recertification documents are valid for 90 days. Gloria noted that Metro West has said people are continuing to apply at a rate of 1-2 per week.

Rachel said there is a waiting period to access funds from the state rental assistance program (RAFT). We discussed helping the group that is already in the Belmont program access funds for another month, while also helping them to apply for RAFT. Along with this, Metro West could tell people who contact them for funding about next week's Housing Trust information session about the RAFT application process.

Gloria asked if the funds should only go to people who are in arrears. Rachel said people won't be evicted if they have a pending RAFT application.

The Trust votes on the following:

*Based on the continuing economic impact of Covid and the Belmont Housing Trust's emergency rental assistance program's success in supporting a significant number of households with three months of support towards their rent, the Housing Trust proposes to **use the limited remaining funds by distributing partial one-month payments to households in the program that are certified as being in arrears on their rent.***

The Trust votes unanimously to approve the following minutes: 9/17, 10/1, 10/13, 10/15

**Next meetings:**

December 15<sup>th</sup> 3-4pm Subcommittee for Emergency Rental Assistance Program  
January 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Housing Trust meeting

Meeting adjourns 9:25pm