

**Housing Trust Subcommittee Meeting  
February 23, 2022**

**Purpose of Subcommittee: Updating the Housing Production Plan (HPP)**

Members in attendance: Gloria Leipzig, Judie Feins, Betsy Lipson  
Guests: Cameron Lawson; Julie Perkins

Judie began by reminding us that it is our objective to update the Housing Production Plan (HPP). It is due to be updated by May 2023.

Judie updated us on responses to questions from last week's meeting:

- Census data availability: data from 2020 Census will not be available until next year. American Community Survey data, which was the main source of data tables for the 2018 HPP) will be available in March.
- When did Belmont last post an update to the SHI: Robert Hummel, senior planner, was not sure when Belmont last posted data.
- When will McLean's units be counted towards the SHI? Decision to talk with Robert Hummel about this.

Judie provided an overview about her meeting last week with MWCD. The policy director, Alisa Gardner-Todreas, said developing Belmont's HPP is in line with their staff capacity, and they could start right away. Gloria expressed concern about their ability to complete the data analysis. Judie suggested to MWCD they consider bringing on a graduate student to help analyze the data. Judie explains the Housing Trust's extent of involvement would be similar to that during the development of the 2018 HPP. The Trust will compare the new data to the last HPP and make sure there is not much divergence without explanation. For the previous version the Trust also reviewed and identified areas that needed correction.

We began reviewing the draft proposal from MWCD.

**NEXT STEPS**

- Betsy will ask the planning department about their availability in the next six months to respond to MWCD queries and who should be the point of contact. Also ask whether there will be a timeline overlap between the HPP update and the Planning Board's actions on the state's new Multi-Family Zoning Requirement for MBTA Communities.
- Review other towns' HPPs
- Review draft proposal and develop a plan to discuss a revision with MWCD
- Meet with MAPC for their thoughts on HPP best practices

**NEXT MEETING** March 1 at 4:30pm