

Belmont Housing Trust – Minutes for July 21, 2022 Meeting

DATE: August 19, 2022
TIME: 9:28 AM

Present: Rachel Heller, Gloria Leipzig, Betsy Lipson, Paul Rickter, Tomi Olson,
Madeline Fraser-Cook
Guests: Mark Kagan, Ariane Belkadi

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm

Minutes

- April 12: Olson moved to accept the minutes, Lipson seconded. Rickter abstained. Voted unanimously.
- May 17 Subcommittee: Heller moved to accept the minutes, Lipson seconded. Heller voted in favor. Others abstained.
- May 19: Lipson moved to accept the minutes, Fraser Cook seconded. Rickter abstained. Voted unanimously.
- June 29: Rickter moves to accept the minutes, Lipson seconded. Fraser Cook abstained. Voted unanimously.

Housing Trust appointees

Three members' terms end this month: Judie Feins, Judy Singler, and Rachel Heller. Feins and Heller would like to be re-appointment. Singler decided not to continue. The Trust unanimously supports the re-appointment of Feins and Heller.

Two residents, Ariane Belkadi and Mark Kagan, submitted applications of interest to the Select Board. Both were in attendance and spoke about their relevant experience and interest in serving on the Trust. After discussion and realization that both would be helpful to the Trust, three motions were made on the decision to recommend to the Select Board who to appoint.

First, Lipson moved to support Kagan now and to encourage Belkadi to apply again when a position opens in the future. Heller seconded. Roll call vote: Yes: Madeline, Paul, Rachel, Betsy; No: Tomi. Second, Tomi moved that we support Ariane now and encourage Mark to apply in the future. The motion was not seconded. Third, Tomi moved that the Trust not decide and have Select Board decide. The third motion was not seconded.

Updates

Housing Production Plan

Belmont's contract and scope with Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) for the HPP is moving along. This week the Town's planning department staff, Heller, Feins and Lipson met with MAPC's designated point people for the project, Lydia Slocum and Alex Koppleman. The revised scope is in its final stages. Once MWCD and the Housing Trust provide comments,

MAPC will finalize it. At that point, the Town will sign the contract with MAPC, and the project will officially start. The Town is on a timeline to finish the HPP by April 2023.

MBTA Zoning committee

Heller provided an update on committee appointments. The Select Board's charge to the committee is to develop recommendations and meet the state's draft deadline. Timeline requirements: zoning needs to be in place by December 2023 and by December 2022 to let the state know Belmont's plan for getting to the designated numbers.

Moraine Street

Owners will need to consider the opportunities and drawbacks of pursuing a Local Initiative Program (LIP). Housing Trust can help with neighborhood outreach, which could begin right away by talking with neighbors about their neighborhood and street.

Meeting adjourned 9:05pm - moved Olson, seconded by Heller, voted unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Betsy Lipson.