

Belmont Housing Trust Minutes for September 11, 2014

Present: Helen Bakeman, Ann Verrilli, Ann Silverman, Alisa Gardner-Todreas, Gloria Leipzig

Absent: Charles Clark, Jensen Lozano, Judie Feins

Minutes: Minutes for August were approved. Still need to approve July minutes.

Housing Production Plan: Ann V. reported that Jeffrey Wheeler and David Kale submitted comments to MAPC on the old version of the plan. In discussion of the latest version of the HPP PowerPoint prepared by MAPC, members agreed that the new HPP PowerPoint needs to be revised to include more discussion on strategy and the benefits to the Town. Trust members will review the most recent version to give feedback on sharpening the focus of the PowerPoint. Once finalized, a series of presentations will be made to key members of the Planning Board, BOS, and Town staff with the goal that the BOS and Planning Board will approve the HPP.

First-Time Homebuyer Program: Given the limited funding available now that HOME money cannot be used towards the down payment assistance, the Trust agreed that the program will offer \$115K subsidy on 2 one-bedroom apartments and \$145K on 1 two-bedroom apartment. MWCD will submit the revised marketing plan to DHCD for approval. The website will be up and running within the next month with a general timeline and email contact that will go to both MWCD and Trust members.

MetroWest Collaborative Development: No update on development projects. September 16 event in Belmont with MWCD.

Planning Board: No report.

Community Preservation Committee: The CPC is funding an open space and affordable housing development inventory. Criteria from the HPP will be sent to the consultant as well as input from MWCD.

Next meeting: October 16, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30am

Submitted by Gloria Leipzig