

BELMONT HOUSING TRUST MINUTES OF MEETING 11/18/04

ATTENDANCE: Roger Colton, Nancy Marsh, Art Heron, Judie Feins, Ann Silverman

GROUND BREAKING FOR B ST: The ground-breaking ceremony for B St. will be held on 12/2/04 at 1PM. Sallye Bleiberg is making the arrangements. We discussed what will be needed, notification of neighbors, inviting selectmen, dignitaries, etc.

NEW TRUST MEMBERS: Gloria Leipzig has volunteered to serve on the Trust. Roger will contact her and invite her to our next meeting.

LISC: Anne Silverman showed us a sample of a brochure from the Citizens Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA). She felt that this model could be adapted to our needs. She will proceed with that project. RE: the LISC Grant – WATCH did an informational Forum recently. They will do a forum in Belmont in the spring.

BRIGHTON ST: People who are interested in volunteering should go to the Habitat website and sign up. Also, Andy Male is still looking for contact names for the fund raising effort. Andy is planning a kick-off for the Campaign for Habitat. Roger and Andy met with Jerry McCarthy from Belmont Savings Bank. If Belmont Savings contributed to the Habitat fund, it would give them Community Re-investment Activity credit.

SHELTER FUND: Last year, the offering from the Town-wide Thanksgiving Service was given to the Shelter Fund.

OUTREACH: Roger spoke to the Chenery Middle School PTO. He took information on the Shelter Fund, the Habitat project and brochures on the Greet You Neighbors Program.

O'NEILL PROPERTY: There has been no change, except for a proposed one-year moratorium on building. It was noted that Roger Wrubel, director for Audobon- Habitat, favors the Community Preservation Act. Roger Colton will invite Roger Wrubel to our December meeting.

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH: Lady of Mercy will be closing on December 31, 2004. Part of the LISC money could be used to develop plans for re-use of that property. Roger suggested inviting Tom Callahan, the former director of the Mass. Affordable Housing Alliance, to speak about church re-uses.

SELECTMEN: Roger will invite Angelo Firenze to our next meeting.

The Next meeting of the Housing Trust will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2004 @ 7:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Marsh

