

- **Belmont Housing Trust Minutes for December 16, 2010**

- **In Attendance**—Alisa Gardner-Todreas, Gloria Leipzig, Ann Silverman, Ann Verrilli, Michael Battista, Charles Laverty III, Jonathan Jacoby
 - Guest—Steve Laferriere, Metro West Collaborative Developers
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 - **Minutes**—The minutes for November 18, 2010, were approved.
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 - **Metro West Collaborative Developers**—Steve presented an update with proposed site plans, a zoning analysis and an initial idea of development costs and funding sources. All the plans include 20 rental units. The two proposals with multiple buildings and greater variety of unit sizes were seen as preferable. Funding would include HOME and CPA funds, as well as tax credits. The project will require a special permit. Members of the Trust Board indicated an interest to move forward.
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 - There was nothing of substance to discuss about other potential development projects, including the 49-55 Thayer Road property.
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 - **Community Preservation Act Campaign**—Ann V. reported that a CPA By-Law Committee will draft the by-law for a Town Meeting vote in April, 2011. Assessments to property taxes will begin in 2011. A Town CPA Committee of nine members will be appointed by the Selectmen once the by-law is approved.
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 - It was thought that any education efforts on affordable housing wait until after the by-law was approved and might be limited to advising the CPA Committee and the Warrant Committee.
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 - **Pleasant Street Property**—A discussion of the recent sale of the Demilla property on Pleasant Street reached agreement that the Trust would want to approach the new owners, possibly through Steve, about considering an affordable housing component to the development. Mike said members of the Planning Board would be meeting with the owners at the upcoming forum on January 20, assuming they attend.
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 - **Trust Membership**—A letter will be sent to Nancy Marsh at Waverley Woods for circulation there about the need for a “low income” member of the Trust Board. Other suggestions for outreach included Patty Mihelich at the Belmont Food Pantry, Representative Will Brownsberger, letters to clergy and media publicity.
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 - Submitted by Jonathan Jacoby