

**Belmont Housing Trust Minutes for November 21, 2013**

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

**Absent:** Charles Clark, Jensen Lozano

**Guest:** Jennifer VanCampen (MWCD)

**Minutes:** There were extensive changes to the draft minutes of the October 17, 2013, meeting, as submitted. Revised minutes will be reviewed at our next meeting.

**MetroWest Collaborative Development:** We received the MWCD monthly pipeline snapshot report. Construction is proceeding on the St. Joseph Hall renovation in Watertown, with a target finish date of 31 December. There has been no recent communication with Imler House; Steve Laferriere to contact them. It was suggested that we reach out to the Historic District Commission to assess the feasibility of any joint projects; Alisa Gardner-Todreas will do this. Steve to continue pursuing sites in Belmont.

**Planning Board:** No update.

**Housing Production Plan:** Ann Verrilli prepared a draft of potential HPP strategies and affordable housing sites. There will be a BHT meeting on 10 December at 8:30AM to review Ann's draft and discuss which data from the MAPC draft should be included in the Plan. The next step will be to draft a Plan that will then be reviewed and voted on by the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen.

**CPA Update:** Gloria Leipzig reported that at its 20 November meeting, the CPP unanimously approved the Housing Trust application for the First Time Homebuyer Program. A CPP member did express a concern about the deep subsidy and Gloria explained that the income and housing expenditure limitations were prescribed by DHCD in order to qualify units for the SHI. There are several things that we need to do before the Spring Town Meeting:

- undertake a program of community education about affordable housing and our CPA grant request
- clarify precisely how HOME funds can be used for SHI units
- determine timing and process of HOME consortium "sweep" of unused HOME funds

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Submitted by Helen Bakeman