

Belmont Housing Trust Minutes for April 18, 2013

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Present—Gloria Leipzig, Helen Bakeman, Jonathan Jacoby, Charles Lavery III, Charles Clark, Ann Verrilli, Ann Silverman

Absent—Judie Feins, Alisa Gardner-Todreas

Minutes—The minutes for the meeting of March 21, 2013, were approved as submitted.

MetroWest Community Development (MWCD)—Ann S. reminded the board of the meeting regarding Imler House scheduled for Sunday, April 21, at noon. She, Steve Leferriere and Jonathan will meet at 11:45 AM and other members of the Trust were welcome to attend.

Helen reported that the Crossroads Church property is not on the market; she will speak to Steve to consider any follow-up.

MWCD did submit an application for the Tax Credit Grant Program with the Department of Housing and Community Development. Ann S. said that recipients would be announced in May.

MWCD may be bidding on a firehouse property in Newton. This news led to a brief discussion on the direction its activity is taking.

Planning Board Updates—Chuck C. reported that there is still opposition concerning heights for Cushing Village as well as questions about the Horne Road design. A vote to approve the project has to be unanimous among the Planning Board members who are eligible to vote, but he expects a decision before the summer.

The April Town Meeting will decide on three By-laws—Demolition Delay, Religious and Municipal Building Preservation, and Medical Marijuana. The Inclusionary Zoning By-law will be brought before a May Town Meeting.

Inclusionary Zoning—A meeting is scheduled for April 19 with the Town Counsel to include Gloria, Roger Colton, Jeffrey Wheeler, Sami Baghdady and Elisabeth Allison for the purpose of working further on the legal language of the new Inclusionary Zoning By-Law to be proposed.

Community Preservation Act (CPA)—The Housing Trust is on the CPA Committee's agenda for its June 12, 2013, meeting to discuss the future of CPA funding for affordable housing. It was not clear when the next round of funding applications will be open.

General Administration—All but one member of the Trust Board completed Ethics Training by the April 5 deadline. The next meeting of the Trust will be on May 16 in Town Hall Meeting Room 1.

Submitted by Jonathan Jacoby