

Belmont Housing Trust
Town of Belmont
Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting date:	April 28, 2005
Meeting location:	Town Hall
Time meeting commenced:	7:30 p.m.
Time meeting ended:	10:10 p.m.
Members present:	
Sallye Bleiberg	yes
Roger Colton	yes
Judie Feins	no
Jonathan Jacoby	yes
Nancy Marsh	yes
Ann Silverman	yes
Associate members present:	
Art Heron	yes
Others present:	Gloria Leipzig

Roger Colton opened the meeting and distributed an agenda. Roger asked if there was anyone wishing to make a public comment to the Trust. No opportunity was requested.

Minutes from the meeting of March 24, 2005 and February 17, 2005 were approved.

Lottery Winners: The winners have two weeks to sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement and to arrange financing. Roger suggested that the new homeowners take advantage of Earned Income Tax Credits.

B Street: It is expected that the new owners will move in by July 1, 2005. It was suggested that a block party be held to welcome the new residents.

WATCH Award: It was suggested that the award be displayed at the Library. Jennifer will be asked to submit a press release to the Belmont Citizen-Herald.

LISC: The Housing Forum on the anatomy of an affordable housing development will be rebroadcast. There is some interest in bringing the Lincoln Land Institute to a meeting in the fall. We also discussed the possibility of hosting a three-town (Waltham, Watertown, Belmont) meeting in the fall. On June 14th, there will be a LISC conference on suburban issues.

Brochure: We talked about the best means to distribute the brochure. What about doing it at Town Day? Distributing at neighborhood meetings, the library, and religious institutions were also suggested.

Habitat for Humanity: They are talking about breaking ground in early June. Brian McCormack is replacing Andy Male as the Belmont coordinator. We should develop a list of residents who are interested in this project and send periodic e-mails or mailings.

Our Lady of Mercy Church: The neighborhood meeting was the night after the Housing Forum. Everyone who attended seemed very positive. Some of the Oakley Road neighbors may be

interested in investing in the project. On Tuesday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a presentation of the Our Lady of Mercy project to the Planning Board. On Monday, May 16, there will be a presentation at the Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Sandler Skate Property: Roger met with the developer and neighbors. The developer wants to produce 18 units of housing on the site. Sandler is reportedly asking \$1.2 million for the site. The neighbors are willing to accept 12 units at the site. Roger reminded us that we should extend an invitation to Tom Younger, the new Town Administrator, for our June meeting.

The Uplands: Nothing new to report

We are hoping for a joint meeting with the Belmont Housing Authority on July 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Waverley Oaks site.

The Next Meeting will be on May 19, 2005. The June meeting should be June 23, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Marsh, secretary