

## Belmont Housing Trust Minutes for June 17, 2010

**In Attendance**—Charles Laverty III, Carla Moynihan, Judie Feins, Ann Silverman, Gloria Leipzig, Ann Verrilli, Alisa Gardner-Todres, Jonathan Jacoby

**Minutes**—The Minutes for May 20, 2010, were approved as corrected.

**Metro West Collaborative Developers**—Members of the Trust reviewed the revised document, “Affordable Housing Planning and Production Scope of Services,” dated June 2010. The wording of an “average of 4-8 hours of eligible activities per week” and a lump sum payment of \$10,000 met with approval; a suggestion was made to amend the wording to “pursue at least three potential projects” during the period of the agreement. Judie will check out the agreement with Jeffrey Wheeler.

The Town of Belmont did not receive the Technical Assistance grant from the Massachusetts Housing Partnership(CHAPA); lack of site control was cited as the main reason. Steve Laferriere provided three proposed site plans from Mostue & Associates for the Moraine Street project, but did not report much activity for other potential opportunities. He was scheduled to meet with Jeffrey Wheeler on June 16. Ann S. asked that we get more information on feasibility and costs for Moraine Street, leading to a discussion of what the next steps should be—are we ready to tell him to proceed? Is there funding? What further information is needed regarding the possible purchase? The Trust needs to communicate with Jay Szklut and Jeffrey; Judie will try to set up meetings. Alisa will call Steve.

A discussion of the site plans raised these questions:

- Parking (1 or 2 spaces per unit?)
- Design (town house versus two buildings?)
- What is the need for three bedroom units? (data needed from Waverley Woods—check with Nancy Marsh)
- Funding options? (a new Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program would allow for higher rents; there may be project-based section eight vouchers available)
- What guidelines to give Steve?

**Community Preservation Act (CPA)**—Ann V. reported that the Belmont CPA Committee has decided that, despite the failure of the June override vote, it is worth going forward with plans to put CPA on the November ballot. Voter turn-out will be higher and the campaign will provide the educational work that is needed. The summer effort will be to get petition signatures and the main push will come in September.

**40B Repeal Ballot Initiative**—The Citizens’ Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) has announced an event at Fenway Park on June 22 to rally for defeat of the repeal initiative. This motion was made, seconded, voted on and unanimously approved: “The Belmont Housing Trust takes the position to oppose repeal of the state statute Chapter 40B and adds its name to the list of supporters of 40B.”

At the next Trust meeting there will be a discussion of what can be done in Belmont to bring awareness to this issue and how to respond to the matter of the proposed Uplands development.

Submitted by Jonathan Jacoby

