

- **Belmont Housing Trust Minutes for 8/18/11**

- **In Attendance**—Alisa Gardner-Todreas, Ann Verrilli, Charles Clark, Judie Feins, Helen Bakeman, Charles Laverty III, Gloria Leipzig, Jonathan Jacoby

- **Absent**—Ann Silverman

- **Minutes**—The minutes for June 23, 2011, were approved as submitted.

- **Introductions**—Members of the Trust introduced themselves to Chuck Clark, the newly appointed liaison member from the Belmont Planning Board and Helen Bakeman, a newly appointed member of the Trust., and Helen Bakeman, a newly appointed member of the Trust.

- **Metro West Collaborative Developers**—Alisa gave an update on recent activity. The Moraine Street prospective development is the most active Belmont project at the time; Jay Szklut had contacted Judie recently, but they had not yet spoken.

- MWCD has discussed fundraising and Alisa asked for reactions to two possible grants. TD Bank North has \$100,000 for energy efficiency with one category being community outreach and education. And the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) has technical assistance grants (\$1.8 million) for 12 categories, including retro-fit of industrial sites. This second source was thought to be a better fit for MWCD. It was mentioned that CPA money might be available and Judie reminded the board that there is going to be pressure to use the HOME allocation.

- **Imler House**—Ann V. had recently toured the house next to and belonging to Belmont United Methodist Church, reporting that Cliff Boehmer judges it to be in sound condition and that there is considerable space and accommodations for use as a group housing site for people with disabilities. It was appraised at \$1 million 2-3 years ago.

- Next steps would entail Steve pulling together the necessary information, Cliff doing some preliminary planning, finding an agency to work with and making a proposal to the Church. There was discussion of renovation needed, the idea of a lease arrangement (with uncertainty about using HOME money for this), and the availability of vouchers.

- It was left that Steve would be consulted, we would talk to Cliff and questions of whether the size is adequate and what costs and financing might be involved would be addressed before any service providers are approached.

- **South Pleasant Street**—Chuck C. explained that the Planning Board has limited South Pleasant Street to commercial development only, that residential development will come later in the Waverley planning. He said that there was little interest in residential—the pressure was for increased commercial tax revenue. Judie spoke about the Trust's interest in mixed-use development and

expressed a hope that there might be better future communication between the Planning Board and the Trust.

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- **Election of Officers**—Alisa was voted Chair with no co-chair for one year, at which time a co-chair will be selected. Gloria and Chuck L. were elected as co-vice-chairs and Jonathan as secretary.

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- **Future Trust Meetings**—meeting dates were confirmed for the 2011-2012 year for the third Thursday of the month, which for the remainder of 2011 are 9/15, 10/20, 11/17 and 12/15.

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- Submitted by Jonathan Jacoby