

BELMONT HOUSING TRUST
MINUTES OF MEETING

9/15/05

Attendance: Roger Colton, Jonathan Jacoby, Sallye Bleiberg, Art Heron, Nancy Marsh, and Ann Silverman

Roger asked if anyone in the community wished to speak at the meeting. No guests were present.

MINUTES of the prior meeting were approved as amended.

OAKLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (ONA) No one from this group came to the meeting. We discussed whether someone from the Trust should be attending their meetings or be on their email list. Ann S. mentioned that she has been keeping tabs on things. She lives in the neighborhood. She will notify the ONA of our meeting on 9/20 in Watertown.

LISC: The Housing Forum on 40B will be held on Tuesday, 9/20/05 from 7-8:30PM in the Watertown Town Hall. Ann S. called Bob Engler. He is the 40B consultant for the Uplands. The LISC grant is coming to a close. The money has been spent. The WATCH director will do an accounting.

B ST: The 3 affordable units have closed and are occupied. One resident is a teacher in the Wellington After-care Program. The price of the market rate unit has been reduced to \$549,900. Both Art and Nancy suggested that the price be dropped by at least another \$20,000.

HABITAT: The survey has been completed. Habitat is ready to go. Flett Construction will do the foundation. Joe Lieber says that it will be a simple conveyance. Anita Burke Johnson from Habitat, is the Belmont co-coordinator. She may come to Belmont with a proposed schedule. Roger suggested that we have an additional meeting on Thursday, Sept. 29th at 7:30PM.

PARK AVE: No Change!

SANDLER PROPERTY: No change, except that Roger called Eli (the owner) because he was concerned that there had been no movement. Roger suggested that Eli, Eddie Netter and he meet to discuss the 40B process.

McLEAN: Roger talked to Ann Reitmayer. She will call Jeffrey Wheeler. Roger mentioned his discussion with Ken Buckland about the need for a geotechnical survey. Buckland now feels this is unnecessary. He thinks that we should sit down with the town's building inspector, find out if there is ledge and what requirements would be involved. Roger suggested that Ann Reitmayer be hired as a consultant to develop the RFP for the 1.34 acres.

A motion was made by Sallye Bleiberg to hire Ann Reitmayer to develop an RFP and conduct other pre-development work necessary for the McLean project, using HOME Project dollars. The motion passed unanimously. The Belmont Housing Authority would like to have a certain number of units set aside for the Beaver Brook STEP program. Ann S. raised a question about funding sources for such a project.

SUSTAINABLE BELMONT PROGRAM: The Trust has been asked to co-sponsor a program on energy conservation, being organized by Sustainable Belmont. Roger will talk to Jan Cruse and Janet Amdur. We will support this program.

OUR LADY OF MERCY: Roger pointed out that discussions about the possible purchase of property should be held in executive session. Therefore, a vote was taken to suspend the public meeting and go into executive session. The vote was as follows: Roger Colton-Y, Jonathan Jacoby-Y, Sallye Bleiberg-Y, Nancy Marsh-Y. All being in favor, the meeting went into executive session.

DESIGNING DENSITY FORUM: In March 06, we would like to bring someone from the Lincoln Institute to speak to this issue.

BELMONT CENTER PLANNING GROUP: they are talking about a parking garage with housing above. They would like input from the Housing Trust.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 20, 2005 at 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted. Nancy Marsh