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BELMONT HOUSING AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting

Town Hall, Room 1

July 30, 2012

1. Attendance: The attendance was taken at 6:00 P.M. Commissioners Leo Saidnawey, Charles Laverty, Sallye Bleiberg, Donna Brescia and Don Becker were present. Also present was the Executive Director, Donna Hamilton.

2. Open Forum: There was no discussion under Open Forum this month.

3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings:

-July 5, 2012 Regular Meeting: A motion was made by Leo Saidnawey, seconded Charles Laverty, to approve the Minutes of the July 5, 2012 meeting. The vote was unanimous (4).

4. Bills and Communications:

Revolving Fund: Checks #1297 through #1374: A motion was made by Leo Saidnawey, seconded by Donna Brescia, to approve the checks on the Revolving Fund Warrant. The vote was unanimous (4).

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MRVP – AHVP: Checks #55 and Check #56: A motion was made by Leo Saidnawey, seconded by Donna Brescia, to approve the checks on the MRVP-AHVP Warrant. The vote was unanimous (4).

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Section 8: EFT 7/1/2012: A motion was made by Leo Saidnawey, seconded by Donna Brescia, to approve the Section 8 EFT. The vote was unanimous (4).

5. Executive Director's Report: The board briefly reviewed the ruling concerning Trespass Notices and it was agreed that the Director would review this process with the BHA Legal Counsel. The board also briefly discussed funding through the HOME program and whether the authority would be required to provide matching funds for any projects that might receive funding.

6. Agenda Items for Board Vote:

1. Vote to Approve SEMAP: A motion was made by Sallye Bleiberg, seconded by Charles Laverty, to conditionally approve the SEMAP submission based upon approval of the Dedham Housing Authority after they review it. The vote was unanimous (5).

7. Report of Committees:

1. CPA: There was no new information for discussion this month.
2. Belmont Housing Trust: It was decided that the authority would not need to participate in *Meet Belmont* this year since there had not been many inquiries in prior years.


8. Unfinished Business:

1. Discussion of Solar Installations for Belmont Housing Authority Developments: The board discussed the issue with regard to the revenue to the BMLD and how that would be impacted by solar installations within the Town. Commissioner Don Becker may try to meet with the BMLD or with the Board of Selectmen in order to clarify this issue and it was decided that the discussion would be tabled until further information is available.
2. Documents for the Trapelo Road Reconstruction Project: The board discussed the status of the documents for the Trapelo Road Reconstruction project and a motion was made by Leo Saidnaway, seconded by Charles Laverty, that if dhcd so authorizes the Chairman to executive a document in conjunction with their approval he would be so empowered by the board to do so. The motion was subsequently amended to authorize the Chairman to sign the documents as instructed by dhcd. The vote was unanimous (5).
3. Public Housing Sustainability and Reform Update: The board acknowledged that because of the proposed reform for public housing there will be more requirements and/or restrictions with regard to board members and staff.

9. New Business:

1. Meeting with Tom Neel from Belmont Food Collaborative: The discussion was tabled until the September board meeting so that Tom Neel could attend.
 2. Discussion of Proposal to Close Brown Street: The board discussed the proposal to close off a section of Brown Street in order to eliminate through traffic. The Director told the board that she would be meeting with the residents at Sherman Gardens but that there is a concern that blocking access to Brown Street might divert more traffic through the Sherman Gardens Apartment parking lot. The board further indicated that it would appear to be up to Watertown to install any speed bumps.
10. Next Meeting: The board agreed that the next board meeting would be held in the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2012.

11. Adjournment: A motion was made by Sallye Bleiberg, seconded by Donna Brescia, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. The vote was unanimous (5). Upon a roll-call vote, the board voted to convene in executive session to discuss maintenance union negotiations and that the open session would not reconvene at the close of the Executive Session.


Donna M. Hamilton, Executive Director

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