

- **Belmont Housing Trust Minutes for February 16, 2012**

- **In Attendance**—Gloria Leipzig, Ann Silverman, Charles Clark, Ann Verrilli, Charles Laverty III, Jonathan Jacoby
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- **Absent**—Alisa Gardner-Todreas, Judie Feins, Helen Bakeman
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- **Guests**—Steve Leferriere, Dan Sharfman, Andy Rojas
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- **Minutes**—The minutes for the previous meeting had not been distributed for approval.
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- **Candidates for Selectman**—Dan Sharfman and Andy Rojas were invited to discuss affordable housing with members of the Trust. Following introductions there was a long conversation, particularly in regard to what has been accomplished in Belmont and the impediments to progress.
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- Both candidates favored the development of more affordable housing stock and were interested in the role of the Board of Selectmen going forward. They were urged to consider the need for leadership and support to help make clear economic realities, address misconceptions and balance the tension between the neighborhoods and the town's needs..
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- Both men opposed the Uplands development and thought a small-scale approach was more realistic, but there was talk of Cushing Village as a trial run for larger development and the potential of Waverley Square, the Moraine St. property and the Purecoat site. Other topics touched on were the McLean parcels (R&D and assisted living), the incinerator site, the MAPC grant for a Housing Production Plan, the Master Plan turned down by Town Meeting, overlay zoning and the realities of the market driving development.
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- **Planning Board Update**—Charles Clark reported that the Planning Board did not renew the Palfrey Square overlay district. He also said that South Pleasant Street planning was on the back burner for the time being.
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- **Other**—In the remaining time there was brief discussion of the items on Steve's Update (attached) and the requirement for the state's ethics training.
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- Submitted by Jonathan Jacoby