

**Belmont Housing Trust – Minutes for March 19, 2015**

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Present: Helen Bakeman, Judie Feins, Barbara Fiacco, Gloria Leipzig, Tomasina Olson, Ann Silverman, Ann Verrilli  
Absent: Alisa Gardner Todreas  
Guest: Steve LaFerriere, MWCD

**Minutes** The minutes for the February 19, 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

**Housing Production Plan update** Barbara Fiacco reported that the Planning Board recently gave their individual comments on the December 16, 2014 presentation on the proposed Housing Production Plan to Jeffrey Wheeler to compile and forward. Ann Verrilli will check with MAPC on the status of the town's request for further assistance funds.

**First Time Homebuyer Program update** Gloria and Judie reported that Metro West Collaborative Development (MWCD) is still awaiting final DHCD approval of the marketing plan originally submitted on October 2, 2014. MWCD submitted revisions on March 13 in response to DHCD comments.

**Education and Outreach Activities** Judie reported that the Trust had a table at the recent nonprofit fair. She is making a presentation on March 20 on the Housing Production Plan at noon at the library at a League of Women Voters brown bag lunch open to the public.

**MWCD** Steve LaFerriere recapped his analysis of the development potential of the Citgo gas station site. The Trust asked MWCD to explore the potential of the Purecoat site. Steve also announced that he would be leaving MWCD to work for another nonprofit housing organization.

**Planning Board updates** Barbara Fiacco described the changes the Planning Board is considering changes to the GR (General Residence) zoning. They are looking at allowing larger lots that currently house two-family homes to be subdivided in order to allow the development of single family homes instead on smaller lots (minimum 4,500 square feet per new lot with minimum 45 foot of frontage). They are also weighing extending this option to larger sites with three-family homes. Planning Board has compiled a list of sites that might be affected. The Board plans to hold a hearing in April. Concern was expressed about the implications for the current rental housing supply. Barbara also reported that proposal for a one-year moratorium on tear-downs in the School St/Washington St/Grove St area will be going to Town Meeting, as a citizen request.

**General Administration**

Helen reported that the Town Treasurer turned down the request for a check-off for the Belmont Affordable Shelter Fund, given the state Department of Revenue policy of discouraging check-offs and the limited revenue raised by check-offs. Helen reported that Jensen Lozano has submitted his resignation from the Trust to the Board of Selectmen, so there will be a vacancy assuming the Selectmen vote to accept the resignation.

Gloria distributed a flyer regarding an upcoming forum on Homelessness on April 26.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.