Belmont Housing Trust Minutes for September 15, 2011

• In Attendance—Alisa Gardner-Todreas, Helen Bakeman, Charles Laverty III, Jonathan Jacoby, Ann Verrilli

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Absent—Judie Feins, Ann Silverman, Charles Clark, Gloria Leipzig

• **Guests**—Steve Laferriere, Vincent Stanton

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• **Minutes**—The minutes for the meeting of August 18, 2011, were approved. Due to recent changes in the open meeting law, the names of Trust members who are absent from meetings will now be listed, retroactive to the August meeting.

• **Public Comment**—Vincent Stanton, a Royal Road resident, spoke about his concern over the proposal to move the Thomas Clark house from Common Street to Royal road, focusing his argument on the Belmont Housing Authority facility for developmentally handicapped adults at 104 Clark Road. He was advised to contact the Housing Authority and get on the agenda for their next meeting.

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• **Metro West Collaborative Developers**—Steve gave reports on the properties at 300 Trapelo Road, Moraine Street and the former ARC property at McLean where, in each case, there was no new information. He will be talking to Northland Corporation about the McLean site.

• In the case of the Imler House he said that MWCD would prefer a simplified, short-term approach for a proposal to United Methodist Church for a group home. He encouraged the Trust to find an agency to work with as a first step towards working up the costs of renovation. Jewish Family & Children's Services and Combined Jewish Philanthropies were to be approached.

• Steve announced that the application for a Metropolitan Area Planning Council technical assistance grant had been submitted.

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• The planning work in Watertown for the development of St. Joseph Hall is moving forward. A general contractor has been engaged and financing applications are being prepared.

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• **Community Preservation Act**—The Community Preservation Committee has been appointed, but meetings have not been held. A suggestion was made about talking to the Historic Preservation Committee to see if there are any potential projects of joint interest. Alisa will inquire about properties in this regard.

Submitted by Jonathan Jacoby

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