

Belmont Housing Trust Minutes for September 16, 2010

In Attendance—Charles Laverty III, Gloria Leipzig, Judie Feins, Alisa Gardner-Todreas, Ann Verrilli, Jonathan Jacoby

Minutes—The minutes for August 19, 2010, were approved as corrected.

Metro West Collaborative Developers—Steve Laferriere had submitted a density analysis for the Moraine Street neighborhood which showed generally small lot sizes. Alisa remarked that there had been an idea put forward for special needs development as an approach to achieve greater density. She also reported that the August MWCD meeting looked at potential sites in all the member towns, revealing similar size potential developments and similar issues facing them.

CPA Campaign—Judie reported that 1300 signatures were collected, significantly more than needed to put the measure on the ballot. With six weeks to go until the election, the need is to create voter awareness. The committee is looking for opportunities to present the case. Ideas presented were at public housing and the Senior Center.

Other Business—

- Gloria had visited Imler House and talked to Laura Wainwright, the Chair of the Methodist Church Council. She described the space and reported that it would work very well as a group home—large first floor rooms, four bedrooms and full bath on the second floor, two bedrooms and bath on the third floor. Not suitable for two family or condos. There is likely to be a tenant living there until next August, so there is time to develop plans. The Church might be interested in a long-term lease, which would ease financing. However, there is some renovation needed and accessibility may be a problem.
- The Sudbury Housing Authority is proceeding with the 40R Oakley affordable units marketing and lottery, but it may be possible for MWCD to conduct the homebuyers training.
 - It will soon be clear how many vacancies there are for the Trust board, including the need for a low-income member, possibly from Waverley Woods.