

Belmont Housing Trust – Minutes for January 26, 2022 Meeting

Present: Rachel Heller, Judie Feins, Mark Kagan, Thayer Donham (Planning Board), Benny Meshoulam, Madeline Fraser Cook

Meeting Called to order 8:06 PM

Approved amended minutes for Housing Trust Meeting of 12/22/2022, and HPP Event Subcommittee meetings for 1/4/2023, 1/11/2023, 1/17/2023 (Moved by Heller, Approved Unanimously)

Updates

1. Housing Production Plan

Judie provided an update:

- a. Going on schedule, have materials from MAPC and MetroWest contributing. Advisory subcommittee meeting on Jan 9th ran by MAPC, planning a visioning meeting in a month to present a draft HPP in early march. Due in May to be approved by Select Board and Planning Board.
- b. HPP Event Planning Subcommittee is almost ready for event on 1/31 at Beech St Center at 7 PM. Media Center will be filming it, Mark to run the zoom meeting. Created sites and housing types and have people play a matching game sites->housing. Presentation is done and ready to go. Judie shared draft forum agenda and draft poster boards and got feedback (attached) Madeline and Thayer agreed to be zoom breakout room discussion leaders. Mark to share the flyer so everyone can share with their network.

2. MBTA Multifamily Zoning Update

Rachel provided an update: Committee shared the action plan with select board and it was endorsed unanimously. Will give update in town meeting on Monday and plenty of opportunities for people to get involved in upcoming month. State is producing by-law language and MAPC is helping out too on zoning language.

3. Age Friendly Action Committee

Rachel provided an update: Shared a plan following AARP guidelines, Included info from police on fraud avoidance. Betsy included notes on housing including ADUs, will partner with housing trust. Will start research in February. Understand that the goal may align with the HPP. Select Board was impressed.

4. Misc. Updates

- a. Newton housing trust and Arlington housing trust offered to come share how they are applying for funds for CPA and Federal Housing grants
- b. Fair housing marketing plan - Betsy invited them to come and discuss marketing options.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM. Moved by Heller, seconded by Kagan, voted unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Kagan