



Lexington Housing Partnership

Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2012

Attendees:

Betsey Weiss, Florence Baturin, Melinda Walker, Bob Pressman, Mary Haskell, Chris Kluchman, Carol Marine, Harriet Cohen, Wendy Manz, Ken Kreutziger, Jennifer Van Campen (Metro West Collaborative Development)

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. Chris Kluchman chaired the meeting and Harriet Cohen took the minutes.

1. Minutes

Betsey Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of Oct. 25, 2012. Wendy Manz seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

Ms. Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of Nov. 15, 2012. Ms. Manz seconded the motion. The minutes were amended to note that the meeting took place prior to the Housing Production Plan Forum. 6 The motion was passed with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

2. Report from Regional Housing Services:

Ms. Kluchman provided a brief update from Regional Housing Services.

3. Update on Housing Production Plan:

The list of possible housing sites has been updated and is available. At the Board of Selectmen meeting, Aaron Henry said the Housing Production Plan would be ready in June or later.

4. HOME Consortium

A proposal was made to refurbish the 1-level Mass Ave house used by the disabled using HOME funds. The members of the BOS voiced support for the proposal to use \$160K of HOME funds for this work. No formal vote was taken regarding this project. [Aaron Henry advised subsequently that the BOS must hold a public hearing concerning the proposal before a formal vote.]The Board of Selectman approved the funding (\$160K).

There was discussion at the Board of Selectmen meeting as to whether the HOME funds were sufficient to justify the administrative support required for the HOME consortium. The BOS is soliciting input as to whether Lexington should continue in the consortium.

Ms. Van Campen said that unused HOME funds would be passed into a pool, and each HOME community could apply for the use of those funds. This allows towns to apply for a substantial allocation rather than the accumulating funds over many years. She encouraged the LHP to send a letter to the BOS supporting Lexington's participation in the HOME consortium.

Mary Haskell moved that the LNP-LHP respond to the Board of Selectmen with an endorsement of the HOME consortium. Ms. Manz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with 8 aye votes. (The additional vote was provided by Ms. Marine who joined the meeting shortly after the minutes were approved.)



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5. Community Preservation Committee

The LHP needs to designate a member to the CPC to replace Ms. Weiss, who has resigned. The LHP deferred action on the designation until its next meeting.

6. Recognition of Ken Kreutziger

Ms. Kluchman presented a certificate of appreciation from the LHP to Mr. Kreutziger. Ms. Kluchman also presented to Mr. Kreutziger a proclamation from the Board of Selectmen recognizing Mr. Kreutziger's contributions to affordable housing in the community of Lexington.

Mr. Kreutziger thanked the LHP and encouraged the LHP to continue its efforts on behalf of affordable housing, particularly with respect to the Scottish Rite lands. Mr. Kreutziger is on the Board of Metrowest Collaborative Development and will continue his work in support of affordable housing in that venue.

The LHP then shared its own words of thanks and appreciation with Mr. Kreutziger. Mr. Kreutziger reiterated his thanks and his appreciation to the LHP.

7. Motion to Adjourn

Ms. Marine moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Cohen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.