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# *Lexington Housing Partnership*

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## **Meeting minutes for December 9, 2013**

**Attendees:** Bob Pressman, Wendy Manz, Melinda Walker, Betsey Weiss, Harriet Cohen, Joe Pato, Michelle Ciccolo

**Guest:** Erica Endyke

The meeting was chaired by Betsey Weiss and the minutes were taken by Harriet Cohen. The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm.

### **1. Approval of the minutes of 10/24/13**

One minor change to the minutes was requested. The LHP did not vote on approval of the minutes because it did not have a quorum.

### **2. First Friday Forum (Wendy Manz)**

Aaron Henry presented the HHP at the League's First Friday Forum. **Carol Marine of the Partnership, Michelle Ciccolo representing the Planning Board and the MAPC,** and Steve Keane, Executive Director of the Lexington Housing Authority, sat on the panel. The response from the audience was positive. The presentation was videotaped and is being shown on cable by LexMedia.

### **3. Housing Production Plan (HPP) Draft Update (Betsey Weiss)**

The staff person at MAPC was unavailable and, consequently, the work on the HPP is on hold. Work is expected to continue shortly.

### **4. Metro West Collaborative Development – Dodson Parcel list update (Betsey Weiss)**

Ms. Weiss contacted Steve Laferriere, Senior Housing Project Manager at Metro West CD, re the Concord Ave property. Mr. Laferriere reported that the homeowner did not respond to inquiries regarding the sale of the property for affordable housing. The Planning Board did a site visit to the property as there is a proposal to build an Alzheimer's facility on the property. **Because the facility would provide individual units, each of them would likely count as market rate units. If that is the case, this would substantially increase the denominator of the affordable housing equation.** The Planning Board will ask that some units be set aside as affordable units. The proposal will be brought to Town Meeting in the spring, if all goes as planned.

No other updates on the parcels on the list.

### **5. Lexington Housing Authority CPC request (Melinda Walker)**

Mr. Keane applied to the DHCD for a competitive grant and Lexington was selected as one of the recipients. He would like to undertake a project for about \$900,000 related to the building envelope for Vinebrook. DHCD approval was contingent on acquiring some funding from the CPC. Mr. Keane applied for approximately \$300,000 from the CPC. The CPC voted 9-0 in favor of the proposal. The Capital Expenditures Committee's response to the CPC proposal was positive.

### **6. LexHAB CPC Request (Bob Pressman)**

Bill Kennedy, co-chair of LexHAB, submitted a request for \$750,000 for the balance of the funds needed for the building of two buildings on the Busa land, each with 3 apartments. Each building will have 2 2-bedroom apartments and 1 1-bedroom apartment. The request was approved by the CPC by a vote to 8-1. The Capital Expenditures Committee's response was positive to this proposal as well.



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LexHAB will present the Busa land housing plan at an open meeting on Monday, December 16.

### **7. Suggestions for New LHP Members**

A new Town Meeting Member is eager to run for open Board of Selectmen's seat on a housing platform. He would be a good candidate for the LHP.

### **8. Lobbying our state representatives to seek larger needed appropriations to rehab aging Lexington state housing units (Bob Pressman)**

The most effective course of action would be to lobby for a specific bill or amendment related to affordable housing. Ms. Weiss will contact Jennifer Van Kampen to determine if there are housing organizations who are involved with legislation. If so, we will ask to be added to the appropriate mailing lists, so that when legislation is at issue, the LHP can support.

### **9. LHP members to run for Town Meeting**

Many LHP members are already town meeting members.

### **10. New Business**

In November, Melinda Walker sent mail asking for comments on the minutes of various sub-committee meetings. The sub-committee will meet to vote on the sub-committee minutes. Once the minutes are approved, Ms. Walker will submit them to the Town Clerk.

### **11. Next Meeting**

The committee will meet on January 23, 2014.

### **12. Motion to adjourn**

The committee approved the motion unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.