



Lexington Housing Partnership

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, January 26, 2017

Attendees: Bob Pressman, Melinda Walker, Wendy Manz, Jeri Foutter, Harriet Cohen, Betsey Weiss, Rich McDonough, Betsey Weiss, Mary Haskell, Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti

Absent: Paul Linton, Joe Pato

Guests:

The meeting was chaired by Melinda Walker and the minutes were taken by Harriet Cohen. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm.

1. Approval of minutes of December 15, 2016

Ms. Weiss moved approval of the December 15, 2016 minutes and Ms. Foutter seconded the motion. The motion was approved with four in favor and one abstention.

2. Updates on projects/proposals with affordable housing implications / All

Todd Cataldo agreed to sell the affordable unit at Keeler Farm to LexHAB but is not willing to make the sale until the final market-rate house is sold. Mr. Pressman said that members of LexHAB and Aaron Henry met with Mr. Cataldo to determine when the Keeler Farm house would be sold to LexHAB. Mr. Pressman did not know the results of the meeting.

Bill Kennedy of LexHAB called Mr. Pressman to say that he is aware of a house on Bedford that might be suitable for co-housing and perhaps the Partnership might be interested. It might be an appropriate house for senior housing, and perhaps a joint project between the Council on Aging. The project would likely be eligible for CPA funds. Ms. Walker will obtain further information from Mr. Kennedy.

Liz Rust of the Regional Housing Services Office is working on a friendly 40B for Wright Farm. The Wright Farm land survey will take place shortly.

Lester Savage reported that the Fairview triplex completion is targeted for April, but may be somewhat later. Costs to date:

- \$420,000 Parcel + House
- \$200,000 House rehab
- \$487,000 Triplex

Total cost for the triplex is anticipated to be \$720,000. That includes the \$487,000 noted above, and does not include the \$420,000 or the \$200,000 amounts listed above.

Town meeting approved \$1,250,000 for Busa Farm.

3. Discussion of LexHAB activities / Pressman

Mr. Pressman described LexHAB activities as part of the prior agenda item.

4. Discussion of CPA Project List for ATM 2017 / Pressman and Walker

Currently on the CPA Project List:



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- Porches at Greeley Village
- A proposal regarding Judges Way. The proposal was discussed in a CPC Executive Session so no further information is available about that proposal.

5. Update on request to BoS for changes to the partnership charge / Walker

Linda Vine, Deputy Town Manager, met with Ms. Walker to discuss the LHP charge. Ms. Vine, in conjunction with Ms. Walker, proposed a slightly edited version of the charge, mostly to clarify the section on Responsibilities.

Ms. Manz pointed out that the Responsibilities section should specify those governmental entities provide that voting members and those that have (non-voting) liaisons members. The Partnership discussed other clarifications to the section. Ms. Walker will discuss the suggestions with Ms. Vine.

Ms. Weiss moved that the LHP recommend to the Board of Selectman that the COA representative be a voting member. Ms. Haskell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Report on possible collaboration with COA / Weiss

The COA invited the Partnership to the COA meeting that will be held on Wednesday, March 1 at the Community Center from 2:00 to 4:00, to discuss mutual interests in affordable senior housing and how such housing might be created in Lexington.

7. New Business

No new business was discussed.

8. Set next meeting date

The next meeting will be on March 7, 2017 at 7:30 pm. The LHP also set the meeting date for the following meeting. That meeting will be on April 4, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

9. Meeting adjournment

Ms. Corcoran-Ronchetti moved that the meeting be adjourned, Ms. Weiss seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.