



Lexington Housing Partnership

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Attendees: Harriet Cohen, Jeri Foutter, Mary Haskell, Paul Linton, Rich McDonough, Joe Pato, Bob Pressman, Melinda Walker, Betsey Weiss

Absent: Wendy Manz, Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti

Guests: Dan Gaulin (Regional Services Housing Office)

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

1. Approval of minutes of March 7, 2017

One minor correction was made. Ms. Foutter moved approval of the minutes and Mr. Linton seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention.

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

Judges Way – article 10(d), the funding for the Judges Road co-op passed town meeting. This adds the Judges Way units into the Town’s Subsidized Housing Inventory. Ms. Weiss moved that the LHP supports the 5 out of 16 rental units. Mr. Pressman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion of LexHAB activities / Pressman

Mr. Pressman said the Fairview triplex rehab should be completed by the end of May.

4. Report on Keeler Farm LIP /Walker

Mr. Gaulin said that the funding from HOME for Keeler Farm are in the final stages of paperwork. The Local Initiative Program (LIP) application is waiting for final signatures and will then be sent to DHCD (Department of Housing and Community Development).

5. Update on changes to charge for partnership / Walker

Ms. Walker said the work to update the charge for the partnership is temporarily on hold.

6. Report on meeting with BoS re: Brookhaven / Foutter, Walker

Ms. Walker, Mr. Pato, Ms. Foutter and Mr. Pressman met regarding the Brookhaven development.

Brookhaven will be making a payment in lieu of on-site affordable housing mitigation. The payment was calculation to cover the cost for 5.5 units. The calculated payment was \$2.1M over 15 years. The first installment of the \$2.1M amount will be in two and a half years, when the Brookhaven complex comes online.

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding the payment will be signed by the BOS. Town Meeting must approve the Brookhaven zoning change.

It is unclear at this time what will be done with the \$2.1M except that it will be segregated for affordable housing.

The LHP should think about opportunities for affordable housing that would be available in 2.5 years.



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7. Status of the Lexington Housing Foundation Trust / Foutter

Ms. Foutter met with Pat Nelson about the Lexington Housing Foundation Trust. Ms. Nelson will give Ms. Foutter an estimate of the fee to assess the LHF trust document to determine the powers of the trust.

8. Update on progress on studying “Smart Growth Zones” / Foutter

No update at this time. Ms. Foutter is working to schedule a meeting with the Town.

9. New Business

The occupants of Elliot House at 186 Bedford Street have moved out. Ms. Foutter contacted Caritas Communities to ask if they are interested in buying the property and converting it to affordable housing. They expressed interest in doing that. This may require a zoning change. Jeri had contacted Caritas Communities.

10. Set next meeting date

The next meeting will be May 2, 2017 at 7:30

11. Meeting adjournment

Ms. Weiss moved to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Cohen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.