

WESTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Approved at WAHT meeting on April 24, 2023

In person in Lower Conference Room
Weston Town Hall, 11 Town House Road

Trustees present: Sarah Like Rhatigan, Susananne Haber, Thomas Timko, Michael Price, Neil Levitt, Thalia Price (by phone), Jonathan Schwartz (Assoc. Trustee)
Also: Imai Aiu (Town Planner), Christine McKenna Lok (RHSO)

Meeting called to order at 8:05
None present for Public Comment

Annual Report for 2022: Discussion. Motion by Neil Levitt to approve with minor revisions, seconded by Susan Haber, unanimous approval (before Jonathan arrived).

Potential town-owned properties for affordable housing: Discussion of research strategies for Housing Production Plans in 2015 and 2021. Earlier efforts looked for properties no smaller than 5 acres so spent time today reviewing town map of more municipal properties with Town Planner Imai Aiu.

Updates on Potential Projects

- Sunrise – Tom Timko and Liz Rust (RHSO) met with owner, who is considering 20ish units. Perhaps Brook School could get a long-term lease and manage the property; Tom is working on a proposal to bring to the town manager for his and town counsel's review. Owner also has heard interest from Caritas Communities about veterans housing on the site.
- Former Liberty Mutual site – Imai's office has issued the RFP for land swap, which will need to be approved at Town Meeting; Sarah is encouraging the Select Board to start the pre-development studies of the land

Municipal Engagement Initiative: Discussion of volunteer effort to create a pro-housing community group in Weston. Neil Levitt made a motion to support the general idea of the volunteers' application to CHAPA (Citizens Housing and Planning Association) for staff support in developing a new organization. Seconded by Tom Timko, unanimously passed.

Meeting Minutes for meeting on February 6, 2023: Neil Levitt moved to approve the draft minutes with minor revisions, Michael Price seconded, unanimously passed.

Accessory Dwelling Units: Sarah and Susan will continue to work on potential recommendations for changes to permitting process. After more work, goal could be to ask Planning Board to write an article for 2024 Town Meeting.

Next meeting: March 13 in Lower Conference Room – NOTE LATER START TIME OF 8:30 AM
when building normally opens to public

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.