

WESTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

**MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY MARCH 12, 2019**

Trustees Present: Sarah Like Rhatigan, Hugh Jones, Harvey Boshart, Susananne Haber, Michael Price, Kenneth Newberg and Thalia Price

Others Present: Liz Valenta (RHSO), Elaine Forsythe, Matt Carpenter, Susan Strachen, Jack Cowie, Lars Unhjem, Mark Romanowicz, Carol Wiley.

1. Public comment – resident Elaine Forsythe, as a member of the Winter Gardens homeowners association, discussed issues related to seeking assistance for a homeowner to make necessary repairs to a particular deed-restricted residence.
2. Approve Meeting Minutes - January 30, 2019 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Home Repair Grant – Trust reviewed the current budget and determined a new round of grants should be offered. Funds are available in general Trust account. Several residents of Winter Gardens discussed the property needs. There was a question on reimbursement to homeowners for deposits. Liz Valenta will review what is allowable and also work to update the application material for a new round of the grant.
4. 751- 761 Boston Post Road - Developer presented proposed plan for development of 180 units of housing. Trust will prepare a comment letter for the Board of Selectmen for the MassHousing project eligibility review. The proposal concentrated the development to the south portion of the parcel revising the plan from an earlier concept spreading the development into the northern parcel that required crossing wetlands.
5. Town Septic Plan – Trustees discussed the Board of Health’s request for comment on the Case Campus Wastewater Treatment Plant feasibility study. The study showed that the necessary plant would be rather expensive, however, no further development of any kind, including the expansion of the library or elementary schools would be possible without it. General consensus that the Trustees would not take a position.
6. 0 Wellesley Street – RFP continues to be edited. Liz Valenta will forward to developers, town manager and town’s council for review.
7. 500 Wellesley Street – Trustees discussed the request to support CPA funding to purchase property. The Trust voted to support the proposal noting with appreciation ConCom’s encouragement of the property owner to consider adding affordable housing as part of the transaction. The present owner rejected the Trust’s proposal to add a hand-full of units to the northerly portion of the property nearest route 90. Harvey agreed to present the Trust’s position at Town Meeting.

8. Other Housing Updates – No further updates on other 40B developments.
9. General committee business and set date for next meeting. Next meeting scheduled for March 22, 2019 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Next agenda to include Trust CPC appointment, discussion on request for town social worker, and Home repair grant update.

Submitted,

Kenneth A. Newberg, Clerk Pro Tem