

**WESTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**April 21, 2020**

*Online meeting held via Zoom*

Trustees attending online: Sarah Like Rhatigan, Michael Price, Kenneth Newberg, Susan Haber, Harvey Boshart, Tom Timko and Thalia Price

Others in attendance: Liz Valenta (RHSO), Stephen Ober (CPC, Chair), Tracey Lembo, Kara Fleming, Gerald McGovern, Ursula Novak, Christine Brandt

Item 1. Warren Avenue Property Manager Update: Property manager Monyette Vickers had an emergency and was unable to attend. There was a general review of the current budget, noting the need for a capital needs study to insure sufficient reserves to maintain the property. General discussion on freezing rents and not imposing any rent increase upon renewal this year.

Item 2. Efforts to respond to COVID-19 pandemic: General discussion on need for a response to the economic impacts of the crisis particularly for low-moderate income households in the community. Trustees discussed how to determine community need and what resources are currently available. Several other in attendance described need seen locally at the Lincoln food pantry and assistance available through the Society of St. Vincent du Paul and the Merriam Fund. Kara F. noted that she would update resource page to include resources. Liz V. reviewed the Emergency Rental Assistance program RHSO is working to develop. Sarah R. reviewed the data from the HPP regarding low and moderate income households in Weston, rental units and deed restricted housing. Additionally, she noted the potential need for mortgage and HOA fee support for some households in deed restricted housing. Susan H. motioned to authorize application for CPC funding for Emergency Rental Assistance Program not to exceed \$70,000. Ken N. second, roll call vote was held. Trustees Michael Price, Ken Newberg, Sarah Rhatigan and Harvey Boshart all voted to approve.