

Weston Affordable Housing Trust
July 28, 2020

Housing Trust Members Present (“HT”): Chair Sarah Rhatigan, Kenneth Newberg, Tom Timko, Buzzy Price, Michael Price, Susan Haber.

Also Present: Liz Valenta (RHSO)

Sarah Rhatigan read Governor Baker’s March 11, 2020 Executive Order to suspend certain aspects of the OML, in order to allow this meeting to proceed using Zoom.

Item 1: Public Comment:

Tom Timko, Elderly Housing Committee, gave a brief report on the evolving plans for the expansion of Brook School.

Item 2: Minutes:

The following were approved by Roll Call vote with Susan making the motion and Buzzy seconding: 6/8 and 6/24 with Sarah, Ken, Susan, Buzzy, Michael and Tim voting Aye.

Item 3: Status of RFP for 0 Wellesley Street:

The RFP was published and a number of respondents requested materials. The sitewalk was held but not advertised correctly so attendance limited. Sarah Rhatigan, Michele Grzenda, Jennifer Van Campen attended. Another site walk will be held on August 5 @ 10:00 AM, and the following have indicated that they will attend: Town Planner, John Field, Tom Timko, Michele Grzenda. It was decided to extend the deadline for RFP response to September 16, with questions submitted by August 14 and responses by August 28. Discussion held on amount of CPA funds that may be used as subsidy for the project and that a longer period of time may be needed for completion of construction.

Kathleen O’Donnell recommended that the deed for the property be recorded prior to awarding the contract with a developer. The group authorized Sarah to sign on behalf of the Trust. Motion made by Haber and Seconded by Newberg) The vote taken with Newberg, Price, Timko, Haber voting AYE. Several members of the Trust will review the RFP’s when submitted.

Item 4: Warren Avenue:

No update available. A Capital Needs Study will begin.

Item 5: Discussion of Affordable Housing Opportunities:

- a. Development of #439 Boston Post Road (Christian Science Church) deemed too expensive due to site constraints.
- b. ZBA voted to begin working on a draft decision for #751 Boston Post Road
- c. SB looking for at-large members who are developers, attorneys, or individuals with experience in this area for the HPP Committee. A member of the Trust will serve on the Committee. The timeline is tight with the HPP reviewed by the SB and PB in January and submitted to the State in March. At the next meeting Trust will vote on their Representative -both Sarah and Ken have expressed interest.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 25 @ 8:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Haber, Clerk Pro Tem