

Weston Affordable Housing Trust  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Trustees: Sarah Like Rhatigan, Hugh Jones, Susananne Haber, Michael Price, Kenneth Newberg, Thomas Timko, Harvey Boshart. Associate members: Thalia Price

Trustees Present: Sarah Rhatigan, Susan Haber, Ken Newberg, and Thalia Price.

Also Present: Liz Valenta (RHSO), Lisa Cukier

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: RFP for 0 Wellesley Street**

Select Board (SB) approved the RFP and approval to transfer property at 6/23/2020 meeting. Kathleen O'Donnell will work on the deed and Liz V. will follow up and ask Leon about any insurance coverage, so Trustees are named as owners. Trustees discussed the need for a committee to review the bids, Ken is interested and Sarah R. asked Susan H. and she agreed to participate in the committee. Susan H. asked about a planning board member. Sarah R. said they had reservations in the past, but Susan H. thought they would be good to have them on the committee. Sarah will reach out to chair to see if they are interested. Also might follow up with Imai to see if he or anyone else would be interested.

Buzzy asked about being more helpful on social services and thought that this should be considered in any proposal.

**Item 2: Warren Avenue**

General property manager update, review capital needs assessment quote  
The scope of service and estimate was reviewed and the Trustees agreed to give Brook School mgr. the go ahead to hire the consultant to move forward. General discussion on budgeting and requesting project manager to work with the town to finalize.

**Item 3: Discuss potential affordable housing for 439 Boston Post Road -**

Sarah was contacted by several people regarding the property and potential for affordable housing development. The site is difficult in regard to septic. Broker is working on the Title 5. Wendy Diotalevi, RS, Public Health Director thought it could be discharging to a package plant across the street. Wendy D also said there might be alternative, but it is challenging. Sarah thought the site constraints would make it infeasible for commercial development.

**Item 4: Updates on Housing Production Plan -**

Select Board (SB) agreed to create a steering committee (Trust to help with creating a charge), work on an RFP for a consultant to complete the plan. RHSO will work on the needs assessment through the summer. Sarah reviewed the recommendations made to the SB in terms of committee composition. Trustees discussed recommendations and Susan and Buzzy discussed the importance of having a SB member engaged with the committee to have their buy-in. Ken suggested that Lauri would be a good addition. At-large members were discussed and agreed that 2 at-large members are a good number.

**Item 5 - Other housing development updates -** Ken said the SB were charged with open meeting violation from the owners of 104 BPR developers around executive session meetings regarding the disposition of 751 BPR.

**Item 6 - Other general committee business and set date for next meeting.** Sarah reported that Hugh may be stepping down as a Trustee. Sarah asked if Buzzy would step up as a full membership. This will be on the next meeting agenda. Ken asked if there was a way to acknowledge Hugh's commitment to affordable housing. Susan suggested a local artist to paint a Warren Ave to give to Hugh as a commemoration. Next meeting scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Tuesday July, 28<sup>th</sup>.