

Weston Affordable Housing Trust Minutes  
September 16, 2020

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

**Also Present:** Liz Valenta (RHSO), Jim Polando, Monyette Vickers, Manager Brook School Apartments

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:**

None

**Item 2: Minutes:**

August 25, 2020 minutes as amended was approved by Roll Call Vote: Sarah, Susan, Buzzy, Michael and Tom voting Aye.

**Item 3: Housing Production Plan**

Vote to approve request to CPC to use Administrative Funds (\$30,000) to pay consultant for HPP update. The Town received a single response to the RFP from one consultant, Jennifer Goldson. The RHSO is currently working on the first section of the RFP that pertains to demographic information. A question to be resolved is the way in which 40B’s in the pipeline will be handled. The SB will vote on the HPP membership at their next meeting.

**Item 4: Warren Avenue:**

Monyette Vickers presented information on # 4 Warren Avenue. A Capital Needs Study on the Warren Avenue Development will be presented at the next HT meeting.

**Item 5: 0 Wellesley Street:**

The Greater Boston Habitat for Humanity has responded to the RFP. The Trust will review and comment. The Developer will be invited to the next HT meeting.

**Item 6: Early Rental Assistance Program:**

Liz reported the way in which other Towns have financed and implemented the program, including Acton, Sudbury, Bedford and Maynard. The Application will be updated for Weston’s use and include a local preference component. The maximum amount of assistance is 4 months. Criteria for application discussed included: decrease in income due to Covid-19, income under 100% AMI, rental burden greater than 30% of income, ownership of real estate or subsidy under a voucher program will disqualify an individual from application. The Town will do outreach and RHSO will administer the Program. The Trust will review and approve funding for each applicant.

Tracey has sent a draft Agreement for the Trust to sign. Sarah will speak with Town Manager re: necessity for a contract.

**Item 7: Housing Development Updates:**

The ZBA is working on a draft decision for the 40B project at #750 Boston Post Road.

Tom reported that the Brook School expansion project will go to the CPC. If the septic issue isn't resolved then the project could contain 14 units. If a treatment plant for the wider geographic area is proposed then the number of units could potentially be greater than 14.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Haber, Clerk Pro Tem