

Minutes for the Elderly Housing Committee
Zoom Meeting, Tuesday, February 1, 2022
Brook School Apartments, Weston, MA 02493

Attendees:

EHC Members: Tom Timko – Chair, Melissa Brokalakis, Tack Chace, John Hennessey, and Carol Ott

Town of Weston: Monyette Vickers, BSA Manager; Karin B. Ott, Housing Certification Specialist; Ed Jarobski, BSA Maintenance Specialist; and Jim Polando Weston Permanent Building Committee Chair.

Weston residents: BSA Residents: Paul & Rachel Bau, Patti Davenport, Paul Foley, Judith Harding, Nancy Orth, Shirley Small-Rougeau and Lana Yuen. Other Weston Resident: Vee Brooks, Maple Rd. Thalia Pananides, Conant Rd and Jim Polando, Weston Unidentified attendees: H.B.

Governor Baker's order of the Open Meeting Law changes was read.

Meeting Called to order at 7:52AM.

Residents Comments Residents asked for more details about the upcoming EHC resident meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 5th at 11:00AM in the Palmer Room. The meeting will be hybrid with both in-person and zoom attendance possible. The upcoming meeting is to refresh residents on when the BSA expansion project left off approximately two and a half years ago. The meeting will be to get feedback from BSA residents. Additional meetings will be scheduled for BSA abutters and Town residents. The Board intends to form a subcommittee made up of a few Board members, BSA residents, abutters and Weston residents once approval for the funding of design plans is obtained.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 4, 2022 meeting were accepted unanimously by rollcall.

Brook School Apartments Update: Monyette Two new residents will be moving in March 1st, this leaves two market apartments and two subsidized apartments to be filled. The two market and one of the subsidized apartments are in the process of being fully renovated.

Karin is in the process of sending out waitlist update letters. Applicants have 30 days to reply or they will be removed from the waitlist. This will give a more accurate waitlist.

A vinyl replacement BSA sign has been ordered for the School St entrance.

The shelf at the lower entrance to Building C has been replaced with a small table and the wall will be repaired soon.

Monyette and Lisa have been looking into filling the part-time Housing Certification Specialist open position. They have reached out to local colleges and are looking into combining the position with other part-time positions in town to make it a full-time combined position.

Digital boards have been ordered and Monyette is working with the town IT department about installation. Building B currently does not have the required fiber optics for a board to be installed.

Monyette is working out a plan for temporary storage, for the current Building A storage residents to use once the renovation of Building A lower level is approved.

Building E – Tom There is a meeting scheduled with BSA residents for Saturday, February 5th and Tom will meet with the Community Preservation Committee Monday, February 7th and Monday, March 7th to review the application process. There will be a public CPC meeting on Monday, March 21st which Tom encourages BSA residents and abutters to attend. Tom and Monyette will reach out to abutters to setup a meeting about the expansion process.

Residents stated that the proposed 14 new apartments won't put a dent in what is needed in Weston to reach the affordable housing goal. Jim Polando that Weston is 250 units short of it's affordable housing goal but that the EHC is charged with finding affordable elderly housing.

Affordable Housing Trust Update –

Tom gave an update on the various pending projects in Weston.

Sunrise The purchase of the former Sunrise property on North Ave is being pursued. Members of the Select Board have met with the owner and hope to have more information soon. The Select Board had an executive session to review the possibility of purchase further and what challenges there could be if a purchase goes through.

The next meeting will be for BSA residents Saturday February 5, 2022 @ 115AM hybrid in-person and Zoom.

The next EHC board meeting will be Tuesday, March 1, 2022 @ 8:00AM (please not time change)

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:44