

Weston Affordable Housing Trust Minutes
June 2, 2021

Trust Members Present (“HT”):, Sarah Rhatigan, Kenneth Newberg, Harvey Boshart, Thalia Price, Michael Price, Susan Haber, Associate Members: Neil Levitt, Jonathan Schwartz.

Also Present: Liz Valenta (RHSO), Jonathan Buchman, Developer, #518 South Avenue

Sarah Rhatigan summarized 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:

There was no public comment.

Item 2: Minutes:

There were no meeting minutes.

Item 3: #518 South Avenue Proposed Development: A follow up discussion was held on the proposed development. A previous letter issued by the Trust was discussed. Members wanted to make sure that prior concerns that were raised with the proposed development were not lost and also to add any additional points. Parking at the project was discussed. Every unit will be provided with a free parking space, however there will be a charge for an additional space. Given the fact that there is no public transit near the project, it is assumed that those living in affordable units will need that additional parking space. While this might not be a problem for residents in the market rate units, Trust members felt that it would be financially burdensome to those living in affordable units. The Trust will recommend that the second parking space be made available to those living in the affordable units who require the second space at no cost. A letter will be sent to the ZBA with comments on the proposed development from an affordable housing perspective.

Item 4: 669 Boston Post Road: Alicia Primer, Chair of the Planning Board, asked the Trust to consider joining in with the Historical Commission to develop 2-3 units of affordable housing at #669 Boston Post Road. The existing house is subject to the Demolition Delay By-law. The question of how the project will be financed was raised. Trust members will discuss at a later meeting when more information is available.

Susan Haber