

Weston Affordable Housing Trust Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2022 Meeting

Unanimously approved at the WAHT meeting held on August 24, 2022

Housing Trust (HT) Members Present: Sarah Rhatigan-Chair, Thalia Price, Michael Price, Susan Haber, Thomas Timko, Harvey Boshart, Neil Levitt (MM Author)

Associate Member: Jonathan Schwartz.

Also Present: Leon Gaumond (Weston Town Manager), Jody Kablack (Town Attorney), Elizabeth Rust (RHSO), Deb Davenport

Governor's permission for online meetings was read, and the meeting convened at 8:05.

Item 1: Homeownership Opportunity Fund

Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for discussion and consideration of potential purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property located at Dickson Meadows. Following discussion, a vote was taken by the WAHT to not consider taking this option but rather to recommend to the Town Manager that the Town attempt to find an eligible buyer for the property in question and that a previous request by the WAHT to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for this purpose would be withdrawn.

Item 2: Meeting Minutes

No Minutes from past meetings were presented for review.

Item 3: Proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Zoning Bylaw

A PowerPoint presentation on the ADU proposal was presented and reviewed by Elizabeth Rust and Jody Kablack with the WAHT. Several recommendations regarding details and content were made seeking to clarify the content and material. A question was raised regarding which Town Committee or Board would be the primary mover for this bylaw. Focus was on the Town Planner and the Town Planning Board. Jody Kablack was asked to return to the WAHT with a summary of suggested changes to the presentation and to set up a meeting for this committee with the Town Planner and the Planning Board. (It was noted that currently, the ZBA is in charge of approving ADUs and that this responsibility perhaps might be changed to the Planning Board.)

Item 4: General Committee Business and Program/Progress Updates

Several projects were discussed, including:

- Warren Avenue: A proposed meeting with the Warren Avenue residents had not yet been scheduled. This will be set up shortly.
- Sunrise Property: Purchase of this property has been concluded by a private developer. The new owner may be interested in discussing plans for the property with the WAHT.
- 657-659 Boston Post Road: The First Baptist Church has placed this property up for sale. It may have conservation/wetlands/septic issues, but potential uses for housing could be investigated.

- Greatlands—Riverside Road: There is now construction underway on this site, but there have been no further discussions regarding housing on the site.
- Campion Center Property: No further word on the potential availability of a site here.

Item 5: Public Comment

Meeting was ended at 10:00 at which time there were no members of the public present, so there was no public comment.

Next WAHT meeting was scheduled for 8/4/22 at 8:30 AM.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.