

Weston Affordable Housing Trust Minutes
July 27, 2021

Trust Members Present (“HT”):, Sarah Rhatigan, Thalia Price, Michael Price, Susan Haber, Tom Timko
Associate Members: Jonathan Schwartz, Neil Levitt.

Also Present: Liz Valenta (RHSO), Habitat for Humanity-James Kostaras, Gerry Patton, Antonia Bellata, Ms. McCormack, Rob Gemma, Keith Gross, Katie Theodoro, Felecia Elias, Alicia Primer, Al Aydelott, Adrienne Giske, Steve Ober, Chris Covington.

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:

The Minutes of 6/17/21 approved as amended

Item 3: Presentation by Habitat for Humanity for project at 0 Wellesley Street: Various members present described the timeline for the project, site constraints, a proposed site plan and architectural concept plans for the three buildings. The units will have 3 bedrooms and 1 ½-2 baths. The program proposes 2 units/building. Proposed landscaping was presented. Housing Trust members suggested that HFH work with an arborist to save as many trees as possible.

At their neighborhood meetings, traffic was raised as an issue, particularly with the site’s proximity to Winsor Way and BPR. A traffic consultant will be hired and start work in September.

A Trust member asked if HFH can take advantage of the grade and provide basements, so exterior storage is not needed.

Item 4: 669 Boston Post Road: A Demolition Delay was imposed on the house, which expires in June 2022. Alicia Primer, Chair of the Planning Board, asked the Trust if there was a way to acquire the property, save the house and redevelop the parcel for affordable housing? Several scenarios were discussed including adding 2 additional small units, jacking up the tilting barn and using it as part of the program or putting a small building in the rear of the property. The first step in the process is to determine whether a septic system to accommodate a development can be put on site. The Trust and the WHC will request Administrative Funds from the CPC in order to conduct a property survey, house inspection, and explore septic issues.

Item 5: Greatlands-Riverside Road/Former Liberty Mutual site: A working group will be formed to look at the potential for affordable housing on the back parcel. Neil expressed interest.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2021.

Susan Haber