

Minutes for Elderly Housing Committee  
In-person Meeting, August 1, 2023  
Brook School Apartments, Weston MA, 02493

**Attendees:**

EHC Members: Tom Timko-Chair, Tack Chace, John Hennessey, Karin Ott

Town of Weston: Monyette Vickers – Property Manager, Ed Jarobski -Maintenance Specialist, Sarah Sequeira-Housing Certification Specialist

Weston Residents (BSA): Paul Foley, Diane Griffin, Gary Marcoux, Lenny Savoie, Patti Davenport, Kim Sylvester, Racheal Bau, Paul Bau, Hazel Pappas, Paula Hudak, Carol DiCicco, Lena Galynkina, Alan Orth, Nancy Orth, Judith Harding

The meeting was called to order at 11:14 AM.

**Residents' Comments:**

Resident Alan Orth wanted to discuss the recycling situation in Building D. The door has been locked again due to improper recycling. Various tactics have been tried to help the situation but they did not prove effective. Different solutions were discussed including having only specific recycling hours, writing the recycling instructions in different languages, and installing a camera.

Resident Paul Foley mentioned that on a previous evening at 1:30 a.m. the fire alarm went off. Monyette stated that this was because of a malfunction. Paul also asked if the pickleball players will be moving to Burchard Park next season when their courts are completed. He is concerned as it is very loud when people are playing. It was stated that it is expected a good portion of the pickleball players will be at Burchard Park next season. Resident Paul Bau noted that he and many others enjoy playing pickleball.

Paul Foley stated that the notifications on the monitors by the building entryways seem to lag. He suggested there may be a more efficient way to display the notices regarding the length of time each notice appears for and how many notices can be seen at once. Monyette will meet with the vendor that supplied the monitors to discuss the software's capabilities.

Alan Orth asked to speak "both for and against pickleball." He stated that pickleball serves women in their 30s and 40s who are a habitually an underserved population. This is part of the reason accommodating pickleball should be a priority of Weston. Some of the players are not adhering to the parking regulations which creates problem for residents of the Brook School Apartments. He suggested maybe there should be few designated spots that could be available to the players if not already in use by BSA visitors. Tom explained there are too few spaces already and based on history that would make players feel entitled to park in other visitor and resident spaces.

**Minutes:**

The July 2023 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Brook School Apartment Update: Monyette Vickers**

- There is a new move-in in Building C and one in Building D.
- The porch/garden room has been power cleaned. Resident Paula Hudak suggested new cushions for the furniture there.
- Common area rugs have been professionally cleaned.
- The town will be holding a ribbon cutting for the new electric car charging stations. The date is to be determined. Resident Nancy Orth asked how long a vehicle would take to fully charge at these stations. It would take approximately 3 hours.
- The Brook School BBQ was a success. Monyette thanked all those that helped and attended.
- Tom Timko suggested that at the next EHC meeting there should be a budget review. This will take place.
- The exterior painting of Building D is on the agenda.

### **Sunrise: Tom Timko**

The Sunrise project seems to be moving forward. There was a productive meeting about Sunrise with the COA. There are still zoning as well as other technical issues to work out. Ultimately any plan will need to go before the Select Board for approval. The tentative plan is that this will be a public-private venture with a master lease to the Town. The apartments would be affordable elderly units and managed by BSA. It was estimated that it would cost between \$2 ½ to \$3 ½ million and take 18-24months to complete. An update is expected at the September EHC meeting.

### **Affordable Housing Trust: Tom Timko**

There is nothing new to report. There is an AHT meeting in the upcoming weeks and therefore there will be likely more to report at our September EHC meeting.

### **Building A Basement: Tom Timko**

Plans are in the works to possibly add about 21 new storage units, an exercise center, as well as two more residential units in Building A. This large project would need to be outsourced; however, some storage units might be able to be completed by Ed prior to the whole project completion date. John Hennessey asked if the organizations storing material in the space have removed their belongings. Monyette answered that they have not but this will be attended to.

**The next EHC meeting is scheduled for September 5th at 11AM.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM.