

## **WAYLAND HOUSING PARTNERSHIP**

**Minutes – July 10, 2018**

Submitted by Rachel Bratt

Approved September 11, 2018

Attending: Mary Antes, Joanne Barnett, Kathy Boundy, Rachel Bratt, David O’Leary, Katherine Provost

Meeting called to order at 7:35.

1. Unanimously approved minutes from June 5, 2018 meeting. Motion to approve by Joanne; seconded by David.
2. Katherine Provost provided updates about the Town’s new relationship with the Regional Housing Services Office. RHSO sent Nan a report outlining its services, which will involve monitoring the affordability of existing units, in collaboration with the WHA. A contract between the Town and the RHSO is expected to be executed shortly. This is a follow-up to the report written by consultant Karen Sonnenberg nearly two years ago. Beth Doucette is overseeing the relationship between the Town and RHSO. Meetings are being held monthly with Beth Rust and Liz Valenta from the RHSO, Brian and Katherine. Katherine handed out a 2-page summary of Wayland housing needs, prepared by RHSO, as an example of the kind of general advocacy work they will be doing for us. The WHP will plan to meet with Beth Rust in the fall.
3. Kathy Boundy led the ongoing discussion about possible changes to the Town’s accessory apartment by-law. She wants to make sure that any changes that we make do not have unintended consequences and end up making the by-law more restrictive, rather than our goal, which is to make it easier to use. David noted that we should aim for a by-law that can be communicated with simple bullet points. Kathy will detail her several questions in writing for our next meeting. She will also explore whether homeowners have a right to rent rooms in their home to boarders and lodgers. Mary will look at Lincoln’s new accessory by-law and also talk to the Town assessor to determine whether there are any property tax implications of having an accessory unit. We will continue this conversation at our next meeting.
4. Project updates:
  - The ZBA and Conservation are continuing their review of the School St. and Cascade proposals; it should be wrapping up soon.
  - The developer for the Mahoney’s property still has not provided the various water studies that have been requested. It is not clear when that will happen. The “Stop the Monster” group has a lawyer working with them.
  - Two of the three units at the Covered Bridge development are almost sold. The last one is being offered on a “first come” basis.
  - There have been continuing conversations about the Trinitarian Church properties. David and Mary attended a meeting at the abutter’s home (Barbara

Buell). Mary noted that Wayland Community Programs has a need for immediate office space and would be able to rent space in one of the two properties, the Ewing building. Another meeting at the Town Building was scheduled for July 12 at 8:30.

- A marketing plan is being developed for the 11 Hammond St. homes.

5. Next meeting will be Tues, Sept. 11 at 7:30.

At 8:55, Joanne motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mary.