

WAYLAND HOUSING PARTNERSHIP
Minutes – January 15, 2019
Submitted by Rachel Bratt
Unanimously approved March 12, 2019

Attending: Mary Antes, Joanne Barnett, Kathy Boundy, Rachel Bratt, Chris DiBona, Katherine Provost, Armine Roat

Meeting called to order at 7:39

1. Unanimously approved minutes from November 27, 2018 meeting. Motion to approve by Mary; seconded by Joanne.
2. Reviewed letter that Katherine had drafted about the use of available land for group homes. The committee made some changes to the existing draft and Kathy moved the following, seconded by Joanne: “to approve the letter, as amended, pending confirmation from Sarki that the Trinitarian Church has not changed its plans, as far as he knows, to demolish the extra buildings that it owns and that it no longer needs. All in favor except Mary who abstained. Rachel will contact Sarki and, submit letter, assuming Trinitarian is proceeding with plans noted above. This means that the letter will be submitted solely by the WHP, since the WHA and Housing Trust voted to sign the letter only if the name of the church was deleted.
3. Concerning the accessory apartment by-law issue, Rachel offered to check with some people to find out if the state is planning on drafting a model by-law. We continue to be interested in revising our by-law so that it can be more widely and easily used.
4. The Regional Housing Services Organization is funded through the end of June 2019. The Community Preservation Committee voted to not provide funding for another contract with RHSO. Susan Weinstein submitted a request to CPC for \$20K for housing-related expenses. This could go to RHSO for consulting services, but Wayland will not be signing up as a member Town. The WHA is working on developing a list of housing tasks that need to be done.
5. Following the discussion of the RHSO, there was a related conversation about how the housing activities of the Town should be carried out. A motion was presented by Joanne and seconded by Mary. The following was unanimously approved.
 - a) “The WHP supports the CPCs appropriation of \$15K for housing services.
 - b) However, we feel that, over the long term, the housing-related administrative tasks should be a permanent line item in the Town’s budget.
 - c) We would like there to be a “point person” on staff to deal with housing issues. Ideally, this would be a qualified person who is already working for the Town or for the WHA on a part-time basis.”
6. Project Updates:

School St.— The application was denied by the Town; the state is reviewing the case.

Cascade – ZBA approved the permit with lots of conditions. The developer is reportedly very unhappy with the list and views them as an “unfair” burden.

River’s Edge – Asbestos remediation has been completed; no further problems found.
7. Setting up a meeting with Louise is postponed for the moment; perhaps until we schedule another joint housing meeting.
8. Next meeting: March 12 @ 7:30
9. At 8:48, Joanne motioned to adjourn, seconded by Katherine.