

Bedford Housing Partnership
January 21, 2016 - 7:30pm
Second floor conference room

Members present: Irma Carter, Jean Hammond, Kate Moskos, Alice Sun, Kris Washington,
Members absent: Ellis Kriesberg. Lisa Mustapich, Jane Puffer, Christina Wilgren
Others Present: Town Manager, Rick Reed; Asst Town Mgr- Michael Rosen; RHSO - Liz Rust ;
Mark Siegenthaler, Selectman Liaison

Moskos called meeting to order at 7:30pm

Fees in lieu of affordable housing

Kriesberg did research on towns allowing builders to buy out of providing affordable units – prepared handouts on Tewksbury, Wayland, Boston. Sun strongly opposed to the fee in lieu of units stating that there is no need for Bedford to have any more affordable housing. Members present asked Rust to check back with towns and see if the guidelines were successful. General consensus of members present was that further discussion should be postponed for a future meeting when Ellis Kriesberg could be present.

Update on developments

Reed reported no activity with Coast Guard housing. Rosen quickly reviewed the process and said Town is ready to act as it hears. Sun wants to review the RFP.

HOME- Initial Rental Assistance Program

Rust reported that, despite widely disseminated information on the program, we have not had any takers. Program would be available for Taylor Pond, Avalon, housing authority tenants. It was suggested that we try some publicity in Bedford Citizen.

Small Grants Program

Rosen reported projects are under way. Some completed and signed off. Only one has not been addressed.

Regional Housing Services Office

Rust distributed/reviewed report for quarter ending December 31, 2015. Advisory Committee October meeting was well attended and appreciated. Office has submitted monitoring reports to DHCD and is working with property managers. She commented that it was good to share technical expertise.

Fair Housing

No issues. Sun would like to give members a test on the Fair Housing Laws at the next meeting.

Minutes – December 3, 2015

Moved and seconded to approve as written.
VOTE: 3 in favor. 0-opposed. 2 abstained. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm

Next meeting

Thursday, February 25
7:30pm

Recorded by Irma Carter
Minutes approved on February 25, 2016.