

Bedford Housing Partnership Meeting Minutes  
December 03, 2015 – 7:30pm  
Flint Room, Town Center

**Members present:** Jean Hammond, Ellis Kriesberg, Kate Moskos, Lisa Mustapich, Kris Washington.

**Absent:** Irma Carter, Alice Sun, Jane Puffer, Christina Wilgren

**Town Manager:** Rick Reed. **Guests:** Sue Baldauf, Youth and Family Services Director

**Moskos called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm**

**Youth and Family Services Summary**

Sue explained the services and coordination that Y&FS provides. They direct folks in need to various local services. Y&FS attachments that were discussed are available @ Town Manager's office. The \$500 available is only a last resort. It's funded by donations. When it's used it goes to the bill collector, not the individual. Not all in desperate situations seek assistance. The police and clergy refer folks to Y&FS. Y&FS refer folks to fuel assistance, food pantry, and other resources on the financial assistance page. For immediate homeless placement, one would be referred to DHCD. Y&FS work to decrease the stigma of seeking assistance. Y&FS does not have a certified detox contractors, but do have a contract with a Mental Health counselor. She's working with the police on the opioid crisis. For Detox, they refer people to Lowell General, most times, those seeking treatment want anonymity within the community.

**Rental Assistance Program**

Flyers were given to members to pass around to local clergy, schools, etc.

**Land Acquisition for Affordable Units**

No update, other than the idea that Habitat or similar org could partner with Land Acquisition to obtain a property that could be renovated by the volunteers.

**Updates on Development Projects and Programs**

- **VA Housing** - seeking residents, over 55, Vet, and in danger of becoming homeless.
- **Coast Guard Property** – no updates
- **South Road** – Approved by Planning Board. Developer to include 1 affordable unit and \$100K grant to Muni Trust. Also, partnering with the VA for an accessible unit.
- **Small Grant Program** – applications will be reviewed at Dec 17 Muni meeting.
- **Life Management program** – no update.

**Zoning Bylaw Amendment, Conversion of Public School properties.**

The Page Place condo assoc did not pursue it at Fall Town Meeting. They are expected to revise their petitioner's article and return to a future Town Meeting.

**Amount of payment to be made to the Muni in lieu of affordable unit.**

Ellis did some research on payments in lieu of building an affordable unit. Other towns do it, Watertown, Tewksbury are examples. The payments are determined on a sliding scale such as the difference between the profit and affordable units.

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of Oct 22, unanimous.  
Next meeting will be Jan 21 @ 730 PM.