



**Burlington Housing Partnership Committee
Meeting Minutes**

September 14, 2021 via Cisco Webex

Committee Members Present: Ernie Covino, Vice Chair
Kerry Donahue, Secretary
Eileen Sickler
Rita Shah
Henry Wu

Committee Members Not Present Mike Runyan, John Sullivan

Other Attendees: Liz Bonventre, Shari Ellis

- Ernie Covino called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm
- Mike Runyan unable to attend this evening.
- Shari Ellis noted we might want to talk to the Simonds Trust people for info about how it was formed, how it runs, etc. Well-respected by Town Meeting, could help inform Affordable Housing Trust.
- **Next steps on Housing Needs Assessment**
 - Update on proposal from MAPC – Liz Bonventre let us know that she sent our docs to Karina at MAPC, heard back that her father passed away suddenly, and she's out of the office. Liz will reach out to second in command in her office to see who is picking up her work in the hopes of having at least a draft scope of work before Town Meeting.
 - Committee agrees that we're postponing the ask for the formation of the Affordable Housing Trust to January.
 - Presentations to town committees – Ernie Covino and Mike Runyan will visit TH1 subcommittee meeting on Thursday; Eileen Sickler will attend Capital Budget tomorrow; Kerry Donahue will confirm dates & virtual/remote for Land Use and Ways & Means so we can sort out who will attend those; Shari Ellis notes that CPA is theoretically meeting on Monday the 20th (in person at Wegmans); she'll let us know when that's confirmed.
 - Building additional local support for HNA – Letter to the Editor ran in the Patch yesterday; Eileen Sickler will follow up on BCAT (on-camera with Mike Runyan?); Burlington Union only runs letters in print (not online) so it will be in 9/23; Kerry Donahue will send Rita Shah a blurb/link to post on the Burlington Residents Facebook groups.

- **Plan for conversation with housing consultant on Sept 20, re: sale of 117 S. Bedford** – Will discuss whether the deed restrictions for 117 fully cover us so that what has happened with other properties doesn't happen again. Liz Bonventre will set up Google Doc so we can plan & send questions for Liz Rust in advance. Eileen Sickler believes that the buyer has to absorb the cost of the lottery, Rita Shah has never seen this before. Kerry Donahue noted that we may still need to get the property appraised (possibly for the mortgage?), goal still to sell for lowest possible price.
- Eileen Sickler asked if we should do an introduction of our committee at Town Meeting in the reports from committees at the beginning? Seems like a good idea, Eileen will send around a few slides for us to review/agree on.
- Approve August 10 & 26 Minutes – Rita Shah made motion to approve, Henry Wu seconded, approved unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.