

Fair Housing Minutes
April 22, 2015 Meeting

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Present: Jim Vipperman, Chair, Lou Meyi, Ann Cohen, Andrew Hare, Judy Gates, Don Davies, and Don Gardner, visitor

Minutes of March meeting approved.

Reviewed Alex Finigan's work on website and brochure. There is a bit more editing. It was agreed that the inventory of various kinds of affordable housing is good to include because it gives information to a larger audience about what's here in Marblehead. Actionability items especially important: how to apply and to whom. Alex is working with Don Davies and Lou Meyi to fill in the gaps. Eventually, hopefully soon, it will go on the website and also in a brochure to be supplied to all town and regional realty offices.

It was noted that preference in subsidized housing rentals as well as purchases is given to town residents, veterans and families.

Home-Work Survey. Jim talked with Becky Cutting about it. She will take it to the school department and wherever else (police, fire) after Town Meeting which happens on May 4. JIM WILL FOLLOW UP WITH BECKY AFTER TOWN MEETING.

Beacon St. property – Andrew DeFranza of Harborlight and a civil engineer and Jim walked the property. They felt it was a favorable site – well situated, curb cuts, stores near by, topography offers natural divides, the wetlands are wet mainly after heavy rains and could be retained as a park. Further surveys will be done. 2 ½ to 3 acres are usable of the 6 plus acres.

The Surveyor Company will give a report to Andrew on physical feasibility. If it is good, Jim will take it to the School Board to make a case for it being available. Then to the Selectmen. Kurt James is working with them.

Don Davies suggested that it be worked up as a "green project" as a good selling point.

Marblehead Highlands: Speeding up the report of financials from the Highlands 40B project was discussed. LOU MEYI WILL DRAFT A LETTER TO CHAPA ASKING WHAT THEY CAN PROVIDE TO A TOWN TO HELP GET THIS INFORMATION. He will run it by Becky Cutting and report to this committee.

Andrew Hare is happy to work with Alex on the website and brochure. He will email Alex to that effect.

Town Meeting is at 7 pm on May 4.

NEXT FAIR HOUSING MEETING IS THURSDAY, MAY 21, 7 PM AT COMMUNITY CENTER.