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Burlington Housing Partnership Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2022, via Webex

Committee Members Present: Michael Runyan (MR)
Kerry Donahue (KD)
Eileen Sickler (ES), Secretary
Rita Shah (RS)
Barbara L'Heureux (BL)
Henry Wu (HW)

Committee Members Not Present: John Sullivan (JS)
Other Attendees: Shari Ellis (SE)

- MR called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.
- **119 S. Bedford St.** – Today's meeting is to determine if our committee wants to keep the property as part of the affordable housing portfolio. There was discussion among the members about the estimated cost to replace the kitchen and bath as well as asbestos removal totaling approximately \$100k. If we want to purchase the property, we will need to submit the warrant article asking Town Meeting for up to \$450K – this includes approximately \$340k and \$100k for the purchase and repairs, respectively. HW was concerned we couldn't make the property affordable after spending up to \$450k. RS recommends we not purchase the property but instead take the proceeds more than the maximum selling price of \$340k and increase the current fund balance for future purchases or investments. BL mentioned the absence of affordable single-family homes in town. KD reminded us that the housing needs assessment report will be issued shortly and will give us direction for housing acquisition and other affordable housing options. SE, while not a committee member, has researched the various deeds related to the property and doesn't feel comfortable that we know all the facts. Our town counsel believes the original deed rider (sale from the Town to the Housing Authority) follows the property and a separate deed rider from the Housing Authority to current owners is not a problem. MR would like us to see what can be done in the next 120 days from the property owners' notice of March 22, 2022 or July 20th. Assuming we don't want to ask Town Meeting for up to \$450k, BL questioned the value of waiting 120 days. The consensus is we use the proceeds from the owners' sale of the property for future projects.

Motion: A motion was made by BL to recommend to the Select Board that we allow the owners to sell their house and deposit the proceeds into the Housing Partnership Fund to be used for future options.

Motion seconded by RS

Vote – Five in favor and one against, motion passes

Next Meeting – TBD

- **Adjourned** – the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 am
- Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Sickler, Secretary

Approved: KD made a motion to approve the minutes for April 22nd. RS seconded the motion
The motion was unanimously approved on May 19, 2022