



## Burlington Housing Partnership Committee

### Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2022, via Webex

**Committee Members Present:** Michael Runyan (MR)  
Kerry Donahue (KD), Vice-Chair  
Eileen Sickler (ES), Secretary  
Rita Shah (RS)

**Committee Members Not Present:** John Sullivan (JS), Barbara L'Heureux (BL), Henry Wu (HW)  
**Other Attendees:** Shari Ellis (SE), Drew Merrill (DM)

- MR called the meeting to order at 5:24 pm.
- **Citizens Time** – n/a
- **Nomination of Officers** – RS made a motion to elect KD as Chair with a second by ES. KD made a motion to elect ES as Vice-Chair and seconded by RS. KD made a motion to elect HW as Secretary and seconded by MR. All the motions were unanimously approved.
- **MAPC Update** – KD and Liz Bonventre are meeting with MAPC tomorrow. MAPC is finishing small media cards and storybook. The final report should be delivered soon.
- **Grandview** – the committee needs to determine eligibility and preference for Grandview. Regarding **income** - DM will ask John Danizio if we are limited to 80% of AMI. Discussed the maximum **asset** value – RS said it is \$75k in Lexington while the State has a maximum limit of \$275k. DM to confirm **age** requirements. DM to check the towns identified as comparable to Burlington per MAPC for their preference criteria. MR suggested we eliminate the various tiers as described in the Grandview application. The committee asked DM to prepare a draft assuming new eligibility and preferences using the current Grandview application as a template. We also discussed the “point system” and asked DM to find out more about how this works and if other nearby communities are using it. The committee feels giving a preference to the current qualified people on the waiting list is fair. The plan is to decide what the income, asset, age requirements for eligibility and any preference at our next schedule meeting.
- **Heritage at Stone Ridge**– DM to find out more about the 20-year HUD funding and any lapsing and implications.
- **Charter** – the committee will be submitting a by-law for a standing committee to the

General By-Law committee and Town Administration on or by June 28<sup>th</sup>. The related conversation included the idea of non-voting members, seeking active and engaged members, people living in various housing types. A motion was made by KD to authorize a warrant article for a Housing Partnership standing committee on the September 2022 town warrant. It was seconded by ES and unanimously approved.

- **Minutes** –a motion was made by KD and seconded by MR to approve the minutes for May 19<sup>th</sup>. The motion was approved unanimously.
- **Old/New Business** – MR asked about status of continued Zoom meetings and if the State law effective July 15<sup>th</sup> includes appointed members as well as elected members. DM to check with town clerk and report at next meeting. MR asked about a September warrant article for Mass Housing Trust – the consensus was that it is too early to present this to town meeting.
  - Guest, Shari Ellis who is with the Community Preservation Act, (CPA), asked for volunteers. She would like to make a pitch for CPA at our next meeting.
- **Next Meeting** – June 28 5 pm
- **Adjourned** – the meeting was adjourned at 6:37
- **Minutes approved** - KD made a motion to approve the minutes for May 7 2022. HW seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on June 28, 2022
- Respectfully Submitted,  
Eileen Sickler, Secretary