

**Lincoln Housing Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2019, 7:40 AM  
Donaldson Room, 16 Lincoln Road**

**Members Present: Keith Gilbert, Chair; Evan Gorman, Vice Chair; and Allen Vander Meulen**

(Members Unavailable: Diana Chirita and Bijoy Misra)

Also present: Elaine Carroll, Adm. Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 AM. Keith Gilbert made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2018 meeting as written. Allen Vander Meulen seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**COA – Transitional/Emergency Housing:**

The CPC met on Thursday, December 3. Town Counsel did not get back to Carolyn until 3:30 that day and is not positive but thinks that a non-profit has to issue the funds. The CPC looked favorably on the proposal to ask for CPA funds for transitional or subsidizing families in need. St. Vincent DePaul is already helping Lincoln families. The CPC will recommend the Housing and COA proposal and Carolyn will be happy with any amount. Because there are a lot of big projects this year, the COA may not get the full \$30,000 they are asking for. This will need to go to Town Meeting for approval.

**Updates:**

**SLPIC** – Allen said there is a Retail Visioning Workshop on Jan. 9 from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. in the Rural Land Foundation Office at Lincoln Station. The workshop will offer professional advice and fresh ideas for Lincoln storefront business owners to make their stores more attractive.

**Oriole Landing** – There will be a ground breaking ceremony on January 16 at 12:30 p.m. The HC and AHT members have been invited to attend.

**Tenant Updates** – The boilers at 75 Tower Road continue to need repairs and Evan will look into getting a quote from Atlas on replacing the boilers and also service contracts for all the units. Duggan Mechanical has also been asked for a quote to replace the boilers but has not gotten back to the HC yet.

**Affordable Alternatives** – The members discussed the need to find additional affordable opportunities for families in need and also for families who may not be able to afford the added tax burden for the new school. Keith said he works with a homeless day shelter in Waltham. Also discussed was the possibility of a tiered tax rate or property rebates along with reducing 2 acre zoning so people could divide their property. A Housing Coalition meeting should be scheduled to discuss various alternatives to affordable housing.

**Meeting Schedule** – The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 5, at 7:40 a.m. in the Donaldson Room.

At 8:40 a.m., Keith Gilbert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Allen Vander Meulen seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

*Submitted by Elaine Carroll*