

Town-BHA Working Group

Brookline's Town-BHA Working Group is designed to more formally bring stakeholders together to better understand and meet the needs of the Brookline Housing Authority and its residents. Through its work, the Working Group will increase awareness among the Brookline community and elected officials of the purpose, operation, and funding of public housing, as well as the critical needs of residents. A central focus will be mobilizing permitted funding from Town, BHA, State, Federal, and private sources to invest in the long-term viability of the BHA and the wellness and prosperity of residents.

Membership will consist of:

Town of Brookline

- Select Board Member (co-chair)
- Town Administrator, or designee
- Advisory Committee Chair, or designee
- Housing Advisory Board Chair, or designee

Brookline Housing Authority

- BHA Board of Commissioners Chair (co-chair)
- BHA Executive Director
- BHA Director of Redevelopment
- BHA Director of Maintenance
- BHA Resident Services Director
- BHA Elderly Service Coordinator
- BHA Family Property Resident
- BHA Senior Property Resident

Community Organizations

- Brookline Community Foundation Executive Director
- Brookline Center for Mental Health Chief Executive Officer
- Steps to Success Executive Director
- Brookline Food Pantry Executive Director

Members will meet at least quarterly. The two resident members will be appointed by the Select Board to staggered two-year terms. All other members will serve by virtue of their position. Community organizations may send a designee when the director is unavailable.

The co-chairs will present to the Select Board and BHA Board of Commissioners annually on the work of the Working Group, including recommendations on the application of available funding and additional funding sources that can be sought by the BHA.

First Meeting

2-hours

Intro by Mike & Raul

Intros by Town folks & Michael Alperin

Intros by Community Org Reps – vision

BHA Residents – vision

BHA staff intros

Overview from Danielle

Budget presentation by Michael Alperin

BHA: Identified service gaps

Everyone: Other areas of focus?

Community engagement – residents?