

Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee Meeting

Tuesday February 2, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Members in Attendance: Mark Hess, Tim Rush, Christine White, Maria Ventura, Christina Brown, Melissa Vincent

Minutes: Tim Rush made a motion to accept the January 19, 2021 minutes. Maria Ventura seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: 28 Jason Drive: The administrator informed the Committee that the closing will happen within the next couple of weeks. There were some delays on behalf of the new owners bank but things have been progressing steadily.

50 High street Update: David Vigneault informed the Committee that things were moving forward well with the application process for 50 High Street. There is a lot of interest in the property as it's in very good condition. David explained CHAPA's selection process and expressed his satisfaction with that process.

(The meeting was then ended because of cyber security issues and restarted at 5:10 PM with the same meeting ID number)

Members in attendance amended to Mark Hess, Tim Rush, Christina Brown, Christine White

The administrator continued to speak on the resale process of 50 High Street, the application is on the EAH town website page as well as the DCRHA website. The application due date is February 12, 2021.

Meshacket RFP Update: The administrator explained to the Committee that she had received an updated draft of the RFP from Ann Silverman which Lucy and herself had reviewed and then met with the consultants to go over details. From that point there were a few more questions left to be clarified that were more legal based questions therefore the administrator scheduled a meeting with town counsel and Ms. Silverman to clarify these points. The administrator then explained that she, Lucy Morrison and Tim Rush went before the Wastewater Committee to discuss and request for more flexibility for the Meshacket project. As the current arrangements stand, Meshacket has been allotted 40 bedrooms and 30 units, Ann Silverman requests up to 40 units and up to 80 bedrooms for more flexibility on the developer's behalf. While the Wastewater Committee was very supportive of the project and would like to grant the request, they decided to wait until a study is completed to explain what would be possible to allow for the project. This study will be completed in a month's time and they hope to vote on the matter at that meeting.

New Business:

Website updates: The administrator informed the Committee that the town has a new website and that she and the IT director, Adam Derrick updated the site with new documents, applications and other relevant downloads. The Chairman commented that the new town website looks great and that they did a nice job.

Winter Covid-19 Emergency Rental Relief: The administrator informed the Committee that David Vigneault had asked the town and the Affordable Housing Committee to post the rental relief

application packet on their sites so that residents would be able to access these resources. From the administrators understanding, the rental relief fund has enough resources at the moment but DCRHA would like to keep them aware of the situation and potentially will reach out if the need in Edgartown is greater than the resources they have.

MV Housing Needs Assessment: The administrator informed the Committee of the MV Housing Needs assessment presented by the Martha's Vineyard Commission. The administrator recommended the Committee members read the presentation as it is very informative and paints a pretty accurate picture of how pressing the need for affordable housing is on the entire island.

Cottage Colony Developments: The administrator discussed a presentation she attended via Zoom about Cottage Colony developments (Similar to pocket neighborhoods) and their potential for affordable and community housing. The administrator spoke very highly of the presentation and recommended the Committee members review the presentation which she forwarded to them all in email. The Chairman commented that he researched the company and concepts and was impressed by the designs and concepts. The Committee discussed the concepts of modular builds and various items in the presentation.

David Vigneault spoke again briefly on the High Street resale and the Covid-19 Emergency rental relief fund.

The Committee agreed to hold the next two meetings on March 9th and March 23rd.

Correspondence: Demo Delays: The Committee voted to pass on 2 Middle Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arielle Faria