

Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee Meeting

Tuesday April 13, 2021 at 5:00 PM

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

Minutes: Tim Rush moved to accept the February 23, 2021 minutes. Christine White seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Christine White made a motion to accept the March 23, 2021 minutes. Tim Rush seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

1. Old Business:

- Meshacket: Selection Committee, process update: The administrator shared with the Committee that the RFP is in final review by town counsel. There has been a delay with the receipt of town counsel's review as they have been busy with other items. The administrator asked for assistance from the Committee to get it appropriately prioritized as the RFP also will need to be reviewed by the Select Board before it is approved for release. Christine White asked if there could be encouragement to town counsel as the Housing situation on the Island is dire. The Chairman agreed to assist and contact town counsel over the next week. The Chairman asked the administrator about the selection Committee. The administrator informed the Committee that they need to appoint three members to the Selection Committee for the Meshacket RFP. The administrator told the Committee that the Planning Board selected Lucy Morrison as their representative on the Selection Committee and she is waiting for the Select Board to choose a representative. The administrator added that Kristy would advertise for the two at large members in the paper. Chairman Hess volunteered as did Maria Ventura.

The Chairman introduced Woody Filly to the Committee and asked Mr. Filly what his purpose was at the meeting. Mr. Filly replied that We (he and his wife) have an interest (In the Meshacket project) and had been working with a number of people who have interest in affordable housing and he saw the original plans way back and was interested in where the plan was. Mr. Filly thanked the Committee for understanding the need for Affordable Housing on the Island and would like to help and participate in some manner. The Chairman informed Mr. Filly that there were two at large members to be considered for the selection Committee and he was welcome to send a letter of interest to the administrator. Mr. Filly replied to the Chairman that he and his wife have been looking into creative ways to create affordable housing on the island so that their position would be to potentially bid on the project as a developer. The Chairman expressed to Mr. Filly that the Committee could not give him any further information about the project until the RFP is officially released but he of course was privy to all public records and could put in his bid when appropriate. Mr. Filly expressed that it was not his intention to receive any special treatment merely to get up to date on plans, etc. The Chairman replied that one of the positive aspects to the RFP taking some time to get together is that in the last two or three years, projects like this, (In terms of design and environmentally) have come a long way and we're really hitting it at the right time to produce a good,

- modern, well equipped environmentally sound project, potentially a model for other projects. Mr. Filly agreed. The Chairman said to stay tuned and thanks for his interest. Mr. Filly was curious in regards to the demo delay process and said that he would stay on the call for that. The Chairman explained how that tends to work from the Committee's perspective.
- 28 Jason Dr. smoke/Co2 detectors: The administrator informed the Committee that the work had been done to install 2 smoke detectors and the appropriate paperwork was sent to the Fire Dept. and Town Counsel.
 - Conflict of Interest/Open Meeting Law Certificates: The administrator informed the Committee member what Certificates were outstanding and agreed to send out another email with the appropriate links.
2. New Business:
- Accounting, audit expense: The administrator informed the Committee that the Town Accountant, Amy Tierney is checking with the auditors to verify the proper procedure for transferring the CPC funds in the Meshacket account and the account will be updated after Ms. Tierney has worked that out. Additionally, Ms. Tierney is consulting with the auditors to iron out a couple of missing items from the Jason Drive transaction. Ms. Tierney may need to bill the AHT for the auditors' services.
 - Subordination of Mortgages executed (refinances): The administrator informed the Committee that Tim Rush had executed two refinances, along with the Board of Selectman for 24 Jason Drive and the other for 59 6th Street.
3. Correspondence - Demo Delays: 33 Bankers Way: Tim Rush made a motion to pass on the property, Christine White seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Public Inquiry:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arielle Faria