

**ECOA Special Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 7, 2022**  
**8:30am**

**Present:** Heidi Boyd, John Dropick, Jay Sigler, Nancy Ignacio, Janice Belisle, Marvene O'Rourke; Administrator Lyndsay Famariss, Jason Brown (Blue Flag Partners), Brad Guidi (Blue Flag Partners), Dillon Prives (Blue Flag Partners)

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Rosemary Cunningham at 8:34 am.

Rosemary Cunningham welcomed the principals from Blue Flag Partners. Brad Guidi reviewed the plan for the parking area, which echoed the updates discussed at the site meeting in November 2021. Mr. Guidi stated that Blue Flag Partners/Kelley House plans to deed the existing parking behind the ECOA building to the ECOA, with the exception of one spot, which will be a permanent parking spot for the Kelley House. This Kelley House parking spot will be located where a shed exists currently. Mr. Guidi elaborated that the two existing parking spots in the front lot near the Old Sculpin Galley will be enlarged at the Kelley House's expense to meet current ADA standards.

Board member Marvene O'Rourke asked if the parking spots by the Old Sculpin Gallery will be larger than they currently are. Mr. Guidi answered that yes, they will be enlarged to create the ADA-compliant size.

Lyndsay asked Mr.Guidi if the work to move the hedges and to update the ramp into the ECOA will be at the Kelley House's expense. Mr. Guidi replied that "any of the reconfiguration here (near the two ADA-compliant parking spots) would be done at our expense."

Board member John Dropick asked about whether Blue Flag Partners/Kelley House plan to make this a dedicated easement, or permanent conveyance with a filing in the land records. Mr. Guidi stated that he plans to work with Edgartown Town Administrator James Hagerty to codify this offer. Mr.Guidi clarified that this legal agreement would be voided upon the transfer of the ECOA building/property to a new owner. James Hagerty explained that the details of this arrangement are still being worked out. He offered that it might be an MOU (memorandum of understanding) to begin, and then be brought in front of the Town at Town Meeting for a vote on an easement.

**Administrator's report:**

Lyndsay Famariss asked for any additional questions from the Board. The Board felt that the Blue Flag Partners/Kelley House report was in line with what we discussed at the walk-through visit in November.

Lyndsay asked the Board to accept a check in the amount of \$32 from Stop & Shop's Bloomin' for Good Program for deposit into the Special Account. Nancy Ignacio made a motion to accept this check, and Marvene O'Rourke seconded it. The Board voted unanimously to accept this check for deposit.

Lyndsay announced that the Anchors has received small batch of at home Covid test kits. These kits are intended for people who cannot afford to buy their own tests, or cannot get out to get a test. Unfortunately, Lyndsay reported that the availability of these tests are very slim, even for people who can afford them. She asked that if any Board members are in need of a test, or they know someone who fits the categories above, to please let Lyndsay know.

Rosemary Cunningham brought to the Board's attention that the passing of Board member Stephen Miller creates a vacancy on our Board. She asked that if anyone knows of someone who might be interested in serving on our Board, please encourage that person to reach out to Lyndsay.

John Dropick asked about signing the Open Meeting Law forms, and Lyndsay said that the forms are in a folder near the back door for members to stop by and sign.

John Dropick asked about the status of the distribution of the Edgartown Fire Dept./EMTs' holiday bags. Lyndsay reported that they are very popular with Edgartown's older adults, and that ECOA staff is happy to be able to share these bags with residents. The recipients have been very happy to receive them and they've given us very positive feedback on these thoughtful gifts.

**New Business:**

There was no new business.

Rosemary Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 9:21 am.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 21, 2022 at 8:30am.