

Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee Meeting

Tuesday July 19th, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Members in Attendance: Chairman Mark Hess, Jason Mazar-Kelly, Christine White, Christina Brown, C.J. Moriarty, Maria Ventura

Others Present: Arielle Faria, Affordable Housing Manager, Abigail Rosen, MV Times

Chairman Hess opened the meeting at 5:00 PM.

Minutes: Jason Mazar-Kelly made a motion to approve the June 14th, 2022 minutes. C.J. Moriarty seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with two abstentions.

Old Business:

Meshacket Project Update: Ms. Faria informed the committee that the developers (IHT & IA) for the project had submitted their application to the ZBA and the ZBA forwarded it along to the Martha's Vineyard Commission. The MVC has scheduled a staff/applicant Zoom meeting for July 22nd at 11 am which Ms. Faria plans to attend. The MVC will schedule subsequent meeting times/hearings which the committee is encouraged to attend. The Chairman replied that everything appears to be going well and proceeding at the schedule that was given to the committee the prior month.

Quammox West Update: Ms. Faria informed the committee that she has been in touch with Doug Hoehn and his associates in regards to the site work requested of them and unfortunately do to staffing issues and Covid they have not been able to complete the work as of yet. Ms. Faria explained that she has been in contact with the potential owner of the property and it does not appear to be a problem in her financing process. Ms. Faria will be in touch with Doug Hoehn to find out when the work will be completed.

HBRC (Housing Bank Review Committee) Update: Ms. Faria informed the committee that James Hagerty had been appointed by the Selectboard to represent Edgartown on the Housing Bank Review Committee. The HBRC has had two meetings thus far and their next meeting will be in the first week of August. The committee discussed briefly what the role of the HBRC was and what the HBRC were permitted to request to be changed in the warrant article.

New Business:

Discussion of draft letter to SB re: Short-Term Rental Tax revenue: The Chairman announced that he would table this discussion for a future meeting as the language of the letter is still being worked on.

Discussion of increasing the Trust AMI: Ms. Faria explained to the committee that the Town of Nantucket was able to increase the AMI of their housing Trust from 150 to 200 AMI in an effort to serve more residents that are in need of housing. Ms. Faria asked for the input of the committee to whether or not that was something that they would like her to look into for the Edgartown AHT. Chairman Hess stated that this would be an income range that is generally overlooked and he would like to get more information on the language used by Nantucket. The other committee members commented about how many residents are leaving because of the housing situation and how many people are needed for the island to keep running. Christina Brown asked about data regarding income levels of various positions

within the town. The Chairman suggested that Ms. Faria speak with David Vigneault and Philippe Jordi as well as the MVC for guidance on the subject. All committee members were in agreement to start researching the idea.

Affordable Housing Manager vacation 7/29-8/5 (Ret. to office 8/8)

Correspondence:

The Committee had some discussion around the future of demo delays and what can be done to make the demo delay information more accessible and the potential to have a demolition fee or incentives for demos in order to have less waste.

Christine White voted to pass on the following demo delays: 185 Upper Main St., 6 Watcha Lane, 89 South Water Street. Christina Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held 8/16/2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arielle Faria