

Affordable Housing Trust Committee meeting of May 2nd 2023

Mark Hess called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. In attendance were Mark Hess, Art Smadbeck, C. J. Moriarty and Maria Ventura, a quorum. Minutes of February 28th and April 10th were approved unanimously. There was one bill presented for approval from Reynolds Rappaport in the amount of \$8,183.75 mostly for legal work done on the Avakian purchase and some for the Meshacket project. Mr. Moriarty examined the bill and made a motion to approve. Maria Ventura Seconded the motion. It was voted for unanimously. There were two bills from the Vineyard Gazette, each in the amount of \$88.80. It was moved and seconded and voted unanimously.

Mark Hess reported on the progress of the Avakian house. The Dukes County Housing Authority will do all of the work to bring the sale forward. The Town has taken interim ownership until the new owner is chosen.

At 4:05 pm Jason Mazar-Kelly joined the meeting.

Mark Hess reported on the closing expenses for the Avakian purchase. A motion was made to pay those bills, it was approved unanimously.

Joe Rock was introduced to talk about his idea of building employee housing at the waste water plant on the approximately 23 acres available. A discussion ensued. Joe asked if the Trust could pay for some legal work to be done to further his idea. After a discussion amongst the committee it was decided that an amount of \$1000 should be authorized. It was moved and seconded to have Joe and Mark meet with Town Counsel and report back to the committee.

A discussion ensued about the next step in the interview process for the manager position.

There was a discussion about future meetings and whether or not they should be in person or hybrid. Jason proposed helping with setting up the technology for holding hybrid meetings.

It was decided to hold the final interviews on May 16th at 3 pm.

At 4:50 pm, Mark Hess adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Smadbeck