

Affordable Housing Committee Meeting at 5:00pm on May 2nd 2023

At 5:00pm on May 2nd, 2023, Mark Hess opened the meeting. Present were Mark Hess, Maria Ventura, Jason Mazar-Kelly, Melissa Vincent, C. J. Moriarty, and Christine White, a quorum. Also present was Art Smadbeck and Laura Silber.

There was a brief discussion about sending a letter of thanks to Christina Brown for all her years on the committee. Melissa suggested a token of appreciation would also be appropriate.

Under old business, Mark reported on the Avakian sale. DCRHA will be conducting the lottery for the sale in Edgartown. Mark explained how the sale will proceed.

There was a discussion about transferring the Conroy house to a trust. It was decided that Mark would speak with Town Counsel about the issue and report back to the committee.

There was a question about a program to subsidize rents in guest houses. Melissa explained how the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority program worked. Mark also elaborated on how the program works. The discussion continued and included increasing the various AMI restrictions in order to include more residents.

Laura Silber reported on what West Tisbury had recently done.

C. J. asked how much money has been raised with the room tax. A discussion ensued about how to use these tax dollars. Laura Silber explained where we were with the housing bank legislation. Melissa added that it was important to begin to devise programs we could present to the town addressing affordable housing needs. A discussion then ensued about accessory dwelling units.

There being no correspondence or other business, Mark asked for a motion to adjourn. It was voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Smadbeck