

Edgartown Planning Board - Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 5:30 PM

The Edgartown Planning Board scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 5:30 PM.

The meeting was audio and video recorded. Attendees participated by video conference, in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023. All supporting materials were provided to the members of this body and made available on a publicly accessible internet website. Members of the public were able to access the site, using the instructions included in the Meeting Agenda. The public was encouraged to follow along using the posted agenda. Deviations from the agenda, if any, were noted.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was Called to order at 5:30 PM

Present: Morrison, Morgan, McCourt, Searle, Cisek.

Absent: Mr. Fred Mascolo

Also Present: Maria Ventura, Doug Finn

REVIEW APPLICANTS FOR / APPOINT PLANING STAFF

Ms. Morrison provided a summary of the interviews from the previous week.

Ms. Morrison recommended Janice Richardson Coke; while noting that she did not have municipal experience, she believed that she had the capacity to develop into the job;

Mr. Searle noted that he concurred; while Jaimie Fallon interviewed well, he was concerned about the concept of having a realtor on the staff.

Mr. Cisek also noted his support for Ms. Richardson Coke, and also expressed concern with having a realtor on the staff.

Ms. Morrison noted that the third candidate, Joseph Smith Klein, was not looking for long-term employment.

Ms. Morrison also remarked that Ms. Richardson Coke seemed to be a candidate that would fit in well at the Town Hall as a staff.

Ms. Morrison noted that she had not called Ms. Richardson Coke's references, but could do that within the next day or so.

Ms. Morrison noted that Ms. Richardson Coke was currently working at the Dairy Queen for the time being, having moved away from her previous position at the hospital.

Mr. McCourt expressed concurrence with the sentiments expressed so far.

Ms. Morrison noted that two off-island candidates had applied - applications received on the last day, one from Maine, one from Idaho. However, the individuals have not been contacted for interviews. Mr. McCourt noted that applying for a job at the last minute wasn't necessarily a positive step.

Ms. Morrison suggested that, pending positive references, an offer could be made. The board concurred. Ms. Ventura noted that a formal vote should be made to offer the position, noting wage

scale and hours.

It was MOVED by Morrison, SECONDED by Searle

To appoint Janice Richardson Coke to the position of Planning Board Assistant, to be paid at pay Step 1 for the position, pending positive references.

VOTED: 5, 0, 0.

There was some discussion relative to schedule, and Ms. Richardson-Coke's availability. Ms. Ventura noted that the Board had some flexibility with the initial schedule, provided that the applicant comes on board for at least 20 hours weekly to be a benefitted position.

Mr. McCourt suggested that the applicant could start at part time, but should be prepared to move to full-time no later than September 15.

Ms. Morrison stated that she would contact the candidate, and keep the board informed.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Morrison noted that the draft transportation plan was available now, with comments due by August 14.

Ms. Morrison also noted that the legislature was holding a hearing relative to the Housing Bank articles, and asked for support from the board to write a letter in support of the proposal. After some discussion, the board did not express support for or against the proposal, and opted not to submit a written comment.

Mr. McCourt asked about the process by which a specific project, proposed to be located in Vineyard Haven, received approval, which prompted some discussion relative to the project.

Mr. Morgan noted that he had heard from one specific abutter to the hospital project (Edg-VH Road) who reported a positive and prompt response to a concern that she communicated to the project developer.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Ms. Morrison reminded members of upcoming meetings on August 1 and August 15, both at 5:30 PM. .

ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was MOVED by McCourt, SECONDED by Searle

To Adjourn

VOTED: 5, 0, 0 (5:59 PM)

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas C. Finn
Clerk Pro Temp