

Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2024 at 5:30 PM
Remote Only/Zoom

Members in Attendance: Vice-Chair Jason Mazar-Kelly, Melissa Vincent, Casey O'Connor, and Maria Ventura

Vice-Chair Jason Mazar-Kelly called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Minutes: Melissa Vincent made a motion to accept the March 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Casey O'Connor seconded. All present voted in favor and motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Chappaquiddick Lot (Town Counsel Update) – Town counsel got response from the Heir attorney that the Deed Release is signed and on its way to Town Counsel Isabelle Lew. Maximum Allowable Increase Town Counsel Update (Amended Trust) –It was reported that Town counsel suggested the amendment of the Trust while simultaneously filing the Home Rule Petition. Both of these will have to be requested at the next Town meeting.

Edgartown Garden Site Visit Report – Attorney Robert Schlein the representative of Dark Woods Homeowners Association (HOA) stated he will be speaking on behalf of the Dark Woods HOA. The Dark Woods HOA has an interest in the Edgartown Gardens project to learn more about it. Their interest is the access at the rear of the project that separates Dark Woods and Edgartown Gardens. The Dark Woods HOA has suggested to the Edgartown Gardens Developer to use this gate as an emergency access point and they started off with good responses from the developer but this had died out. Hence the reason they are here to learn more. Ms. Vincent reported that this Committee had done its first site visit but still have a lot of question(s) for the Edgartown Gardens in regards to affordability factors, what they will build, who they are aiming this at. The Edgartown Gardens Team did not utilize any of this Committee's suggestions. The more people show interest this could turn out to be a really good project to benefit the people of Edgartown. But it will take more than the Edgartown Affordable Housing. Ms. Silber said the Edgartown Gardens project has not made it to Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) as yet but the Dark Woods HOA can contact the DRI coordinator, Rich Saltzberg, to get information on the public hearing once Edgartown Gardens files the application with MVC. This would be an opportunity for Edgartown Gardens to state their concern(s).

MVC Update/Report (Laura Silber) – Ms. Silber reported on June 4, 2024, the Secretary of Housing, Ed Augustus, will be on Island at Oak Bluffs Library. There is a time discrepancy that she will get confirmation on and share with everyone. The Secretary is very aware of the Municipal Workforce Housing concerns, hence if this Committee could commit to send one to three representative that would be great. The Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP) is having in-person training for Planners, Affordable Housing Committee Members and Advocates on June 12 through 13 in Worcester. She will send out the information on this. Ms. Silber commended and thanked everyone for sending out the testimonies, as there were over 200 testimonies came in at a very short timeframe. Housing Needs Assessment is on schedule for early May 2024.

New Business: One Stop for Growth Funds – Ms. Silber stated this is a portal for basically all the State grants. The first phase is to submit the Expression of Interest which has a deadline of April 30, 2024. This is normally coordinated with the Town Administrators since the Towns normally regulate how many of these they would like to go after. It was reported that Edgartown Town Administrator stated the Committee needs to come up with a specific project then submit the Expression of Interest. Ms. Silber gave an example, that the MVC Housing & Zoning was funded through this One Stop for Growth.

Ms. Silber suggested the Committee to use their main priorities that were submitted to the Complete Neighborhood Initiative as a starting point. Vice-Chair suggested to having another meeting next week in order to make the April 30th deadline. The Edgartown Affordable Housing Manager will coordinate this.

Town of Edgartown Meeting Update – It was reported that both Affordable Housing Warrant Articles passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

66 Curtis Lane (Demo letter) – Melissa Vincent make a motion to do not accept the demo and to allow it to do the normal course. Maria Ventura seconded. All present voted in favor and motion passed unanimously.

41 Road to the Plains (Demo letter) – Melissa Vincent make a motion to do not accept the demo and to allow it to do the normal course. Maria Ventura seconded. All present voted in favor and motion passed unanimously.

23 Pinehurst Rd (Demo letter) – Melissa Vincent make a motion to do not accept the demo and to allow it to do the normal course. Maria Ventura seconded. All present voted in favor and motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shanette Deleon



Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee

5/14/24

Date of Approval