

## **Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday October 6, 2020 at 5:00 PM**

Members in Attendance: Mark Hess, Tim Rush, Melissa Vincent, Nancy Trimper, Maria Ventura, Christina Brown

Mark Hess opened the meeting at 5:00 PM

Minutes: Tim Rush made a motion to accept the September 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes. Melissa Ventura seconded and the motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

Old Business:

The Committee discussed the Harbor Homes CPC application. Tim Rush made a motion in favor of writing a letter of support for the project. Christina Brown seconded the motion and all voted in favor in the form of an "Aye". The motion passed unanimously. The administrator will send the letter to Karen Tewey at her earliest convenience.

The administrator informed the Committee that she had the information packet for 28 Jason Drive put on the town website. DCRHA advertised it in the papers and plans to have a link in their site also.

The Chairman discussed High Street with the Committee. The Committee discussed the current observations of the properties. The Committee all agreed that the residents are not abiding by the nature of the agreement. Nancy Trimper made a motion to have the letters devised by town counsel sent out by the administrator. Tim Rush seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The administrator discussed the contract submitted to the Committee by Ann Silverman, the consultant for the Meshacket RFP and evaluation process. The Committee discussed her role and timeline. Additionally, the Committee discussed hiring Juliet Mulinare as the procurement officer for the Meshacket RFP. Melissa Vincent made a motion to use Ann Silverman as the consultant on the Meshacket RFP process and that Chairman Hess will sign her contract on behalf of the Affordable Housing Committee. Maria Ventura seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of "Aye". Christina Brown made a motion to pay Juliet Mulinare \$65.00 an hr. to handle the procurement process for the Meshacket RFP. Melissa Vincent seconded and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of "Aye".

The administrator discussed with the Committee her research into the requirements for onsite management at Morgan Woods. Christina Brown recommended looking into the minutes for the MVC. Ms. Brown agreed to assist the administrator in her research process. The Committee discussed the mold issues brought to their attention by residents of Morgan Woods and the Committee believes from the correspondence from management that the situation has been remedied. The Chairman intends to have an annual meeting with the management when it is safe to do so in person.

The Chairman asked the administrator if David Vigneault had made a request for additional funds for the Emergency Rental Relief fund and the administrator replied that Mr. Vigneault had not done so yet. The administrator mentioned that he had planned to attend their meeting to speak on his normal request for CPC Funding for the general rental subsidization program. The Committee will support this program as they normally do.

The Committee discussed future meeting dates and agreed to choose a date in November at the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

New Business: The administrator informed the Committee that there would be a required Zoom training on diversity, Melissa Vincent volunteered to go on behalf of the Committee.

The administrator discussed the fact that IHT charges a monthly fee for those that have an affordable lot that is leased from IHT. The administrator pointed out that it is a monthly fee of \$50.00. The administrator brought up this point because the town does not charge a monthly fee, if any for developers that lease the land from the town and that it might be a good source of income for the Trust. The Committee expressed that it was a good topic to think about and will be considered further in the future.

Melissa Vincent informed the Committee about her request for CPC Funding on behalf of TRI and the P.A.L.S. (preserving affordability through loan support) program. Ms. Vincent explained, for the last four years, with funding support from the CPC, this program has allowed them to help people from 81% AMI to 99% AMI whom wouldn't normally get support through other programs. This program helps to improve the integrity of the structure they are living in and allow them to continue living there affordably. The Chairman commented that the program is important to the town and that while the Committee prioritizes the rental assistance first, this program would be next in importance. Tim Rush commented that he likes the fact that the funds would stay in Edgartown. The Committee continued to discuss the project. Maria Ventura made a motion for the administrator to write a letter of support on behalf of the Committee. Nancy Trimper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

Correspondence: Demo Delays: The Committee passed on 37 Plain Field Way and 69 Martha's Field Rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arielle Faria