

Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee Meeting
Tuesday January 8, 2019 at 5:00 PM

Members in Attendance: Chairman Mark Hess, Vice-Chairman Tim Rush, Christina Brown, Christine White, Nancy Trimper. Maria Ventura

Chairman Mark Hess opened the meeting at 5:00 PM

Minutes: Christine White made a motion to accept minutes from December 18, 2018. Nancy Trimper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The Committee introduced themselves to the members present on the board of Harbor Homes and opened the floor to Karen Tewhey to speak on behalf of Harbor Homes. Ms. Tewhey passed out a pamphlet outlining the mission, and proposed services that Harbor Homes would offer their tenants. The Board members present from Harbor Homes introduced themselves. Ms. Tewhey explained how the Harbor Homes project came into fruition, modeled after another program in Hyannis called "Homeless not Hopeless", in addition to the "Champs House" also located on the cape. Ms. Tewhey sited to reasons for being present, one being to inform the committee of the project in a more detailed fashion with the intention of answering any questions the Committee members might have in addition to look for support from the Committee verbally and financially. Ms. Tewhey sited CPA support from the town of West Tisbury, Chilmark and pending decisions from Oak Bluffs and Aquinnah. Edgartown and Tisbury did not support this project with CPA funds but Ms. Tewhey and her board are hoping to secure support through municipal funds provided by the Affordable Housing Trust. Ms. Tewhey then spoke to the Committee more specifically about the operations of Harbor Homes. Bringing Harbor Homes residents from homelessness to being functional members of the community.

Chairman Hess, thanked everyone for coming before the Committee and presenting their process and plans. The Committee discussed Harbor Homes' presentation to the CPC and their thoughts on that. EAH Committee members explained their procedures and restrictions for fund disbursements.

Christine White made a motion to fully support the advancement of the concept and to discuss sources of financial support in the future. Tim Rush seconded that motion and the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Hess added that the assistant should compose a letter of support to be sent to Harbor Homes and the Edgartown selectman.

Christine White asked David Vingault if there was any additional information regarding the residences at High Street. Mr. Vingault replied that he had contacted both residences and both owners replied it is their primary domicile but they had individual circumstances that make it that they are not there all of the time. Members expressed concern that the residences are indeed not occupied the appropriate amount of time. Mr. Vingault has agreed to look further into these cases.

Chairman Hess passed out packets with new additions to the Meshacket project maps.

The assistant informed the Committee that she is in touch with Jesse Leddick at Mass Wildlife in regards to the moths. She will update the Committee when she has new information.

The Committee reviewed the warrant articles for the acquisition of land for affordable housing purposes.

Chairman Hess reviewed the terms for the Mariner's Way subdivision.

Chairman Hess discussed his meeting with the developers of the Meeting House Way subdivision. The Committee will wait until there is more discussion with the MVC until making any decisions.

New business: There was no new business.

Correspondence: The assistant informed the Committee of a grants regarding demolishing old properties and using them for affordable housing purposes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Arielle Hayes