

Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee Meeting
Tuesday January 22, 2019 at 5:00 PM

Members in Attendance: Chairman Mark Hess, Christine White, Nancy Trimper. Maria Ventura

Chairman Mark Hess opened the meeting at 5:00 PM

Minutes: The Committee reviewed minutes from January 8, 2019 and unanimously accepted them.

Old Business: Chairman Hess discussed with the Committee his phone meeting with Jesse Leddick regarding the moth conservation portion of the Meshacket Road project. Chairman Hess spoke with Lucy Morrison about whether conservation areas should be defined before the RFP is put out or after the developers have it in hand. Mr. Leddick would like a slightly more detailed map of our potential building spaces and what can be left alone for moth conservation. Chairman Hess will draw a better map for Mr. Leddick.

Chairman Hess mentioned that Christina Brown sent out an email with comments on the Meshacket packet that was distributed last meeting. Chairman Hess will make some changes based on her critiques.

The Committee discussed the Meeting House Way proposal and still await a new proposal.

The Committee reviewed their position and discussed the Harbor Homes initiative and stand by the letter of support that was sent to Karen Tewhey.

New business: The Committee discussed the short-term rental tax and the housing bank. It is the decision of the Committee that they will not support the proposed housing bank. Chairman Hess expressed that of course the committee would like to see the funds all go to affordable housing but to be practical there are other things in the town that also deserve some financial attention and the Committee being under the auspice of the town thinks it only fair to have the funds be distributed accordingly through the town.

Chairman Hess discussed with the Committee that he and the assistant plan to speak with faculty at the Edgartown school regarding affordable housing initiatives and actions they can take to help themselves acquire affordable housing.

Correspondence: There was no new correspondence.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Arielle Hayes