

Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee Meeting
Tuesday April 16, 2019 at 5:00 PM

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

Chairman Mark Hess opened the meeting at 5:00 PM

Minutes: Christine White made a motion to accept minutes from March 5, 2019. Maria Ventura seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Chairman Hess informed the Committee of two issues that were addressed at the town meeting. Chairman Hess stated that the housing bank article had been indefinitely postponed. The chairman stated that other issues brought up were that the town residents were not sure what the Committee was working on currently or otherwise, particularly because the website was not up to date and the site was missing an extensive amount of minutes. Chairman Hess expressed that this was a fair and accurate observation as the administrator had previously mentioned this being the case despite submitting the minutes through the proper channels to be posted. The administrator informed the Committee that the website was now updated, she expressed that with all that the IT department has on their plate that although requests had been made in the past for updates, the Affordable Housing Committee page was not at the top of their list. The administrator also informed the Committee of the situation regarding the minutes and that it would be remedied once she was trained by IT how to upload the minutes herself. The administrator will be trained to do this in the coming week.

The Chairman informed the Committee that he put together a draft of what the Committee is doing and addressed the issues that were brought up in this draft. The Chairman read the letter and asked for feedback from the other Committee members to be discussed at their next meeting. The Chairman informed the Committee that he would speak to the town administrator to discuss what avenues would be appropriate to post the letter. The Committee commended the Chairman for drafting this letter on the Committee's behalf. The administrator also brought up that she had spoken to the town administrator regarding holding information sessions informing the public and all town employees of resources available for them to seek affordable housing and that Mr. Haggerty responded positively to this idea. The Chairman suggested that maybe the letter that he drafted could be posted alongside an advertisement for said information session for affordable housing resources.

Possibilities for the use of the Chasin lot and 63 Twenty-First Street South lot were discussed by the Committee. The administrator asked the Committee what avenue the members would like to take to put affordable housing on these lots. The administrator will speak to the procurement officer regarding procedure for these properties.

Christina Brown informed the Committee that the MVC is currently working on revising and expanding the affordable housing policy.

The administrator informed the Committee that she received the final payment from the Mariner's Way subdivision in the amount of \$19,500.00. She will inform the appropriate parties that she has received this payment.

The administrator reiterated that the next Meshacket RFP meeting would be held on Monday April 22, 2019 at 3:00 PM, she encouraged all to attend.

New business: Town website affordable housing page: As previously discussed, the administrator added that although she had updated the page it would remain visually the same. The administrator reiterated that she would be trained to upload the minutes herself so that the lack of minutes on the site page will be easily remedied. Maria Ventura asked if it might be a possibility for the Committee to put together their own website that could be accessed through a link on the town page. This page could be more detailed and designed to the Committee's liking as well as potentially tied to social media. The administrator will speak to Adam Derrick to see if this is a possibility.

The administrator informed the Committee of a new tool that the MVC has put together for site suitability. The administrator went to a workshop regarding this tool and although still in its preliminary stages, could be helpful to future affordable housing projects.

The administrator requested that she be able to attend an MHP workshop in June regarding affordable housing. Christine Brown made a motion to approve this request. Christine White seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: There was no new correspondence.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Arielle Faria