

Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee Meeting  
Tuesday June 11, 2019 at 4:00 PM

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

Chairman Hess opened the meeting at 4:00 PM.

Minutes: Maria Ventura made a motion to approve the minutes from May 28, 2019. Nancy Trimper seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Meshacket RFP review: Chairman Hess informed the Committee that Lucy Morrison was unable to attend this meeting due to illness but the administrator and Ms. Morrison had questions for the Committee regarding the numeric matrix for the comparative criteria. The administrator reviewed what she and Ms. Morrison had discussed for the matrix on their own. The two had concluded that they would use a hundred point system with each category being worth a particular amount based on importance. After some discussion the Committee concluded that indeed there could be a point system up to a hundred points but instead the categories would have equal weight. Christina Brown brought up the fact that she could not find in the RFP how the developer plans to lottery the ownership opportunities on the Meshacket Property. The RFP does specify how the rentals are to be taken care of via lottery. The Committee briefly discussed the ground lease and settled on having town counsel take the lead on putting that together.

High Street properties: The administrator spoken to Carol Marine at the citizen's housing and planning association. The administrator asked Ms. Marine if they had been sending out yearly correspondence to verify that residents were in compliance with their deed rider and Ms. Marine responded that they had not sent out that sort of correspondence as it was not Chapa's practice to do so because most people do comply. Ms. Mariner also said that in most cases owners do comply. The administrator explained the special circumstances with the island and the issue of owners renting their properties in the summer to help themselves to afford their homes. After speaking with the administrator Ms. Mariner suggested that she may indeed send out yearly correspondence and that in the near future she will send out a letter saying that it has been brought to her attention that the owner may be in violation of their deed ride, specifically their residency terms. She will offer help if they need to sell the property or work with them in some way to remedy the situation. The Committee would like to have copies of the correspondence in addition to finding out from town counsel if the Committee or another town entity has the authority to deal with issues of compliance or complaints. The administrator will speak with town counsel to figure out this issue.

Webpage update status: The administrator informed the Committee that she spoke to Adam in regards to updates and additions to the website and because he plans to put together a new site in the very near future, those updates will be postponed.

New business: Mass Housing Institute: The administrator informed the Committee of the highlights of the Institute and expressed that she would send the contents of the binder via email so that everyone could have access to it. There will be a hard copy available in her office.

Demo Delays: The Committee passed on 27 Curtis Lane.

Correspondence: There was no new correspondence.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Arielle Faria