

Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee Meeting

Tuesday September 3, 2019 at 5:00 PM

Members in Attendance: Chairman Mark Hess, Christine White, Tim Rush, Maria Ventura

Chairman Hess opened the meeting at 5:00 PM.

Minutes: The minutes from August 13, 2019 could not be approved due to lack of quorum of those present at the August 13th meeting.

Old Business:

The Chairman introduced a couple interested in learning more about affordable housing in Edgartown. The Chairman briefly explained what the Committee does and introduced them to the administrator. The administrator explained the process of how to apply for affordable housing through the Dukes County Regional Housing authority and informed the couple that they could contact her if they needed any additional assistance.

The Chairman skipped to New Business so that he could accommodate the Town Administrator, James Haggerty whom was on the agenda to discuss the formation of the review committee for the proposed Housing Bank. Mr. Haggerty reminded the Committee that Mr. Donorama promised voters at the April town meeting that there would be a Committee formed to explore the possibility of steps forward with the Housing Bank proposal. Mr. Haggerty asked for two volunteers from the Affordable Housing Committee to participate in this Committee. The Chairman suggested that Nancy Trimper and Christine White be the Affordable Housing Committee's representatives for this Committee and Christine White accepted. The EAHC administrator will be in touch with Ms. Trimper as she was not present at the meeting.

The Committee discussed with the town administrator the new town website and the Committee's needs for the site in addition the new departmental reports.

Meshacket Update: The administrator discussed with the Committee that Lucy Morrison, James Haggerty and herself participated in a conference call with Laura Shufelt of Mass Housing Partnership to discuss the Meshacket RFP. The administrator explained that Ms. Shufelt had sent them all edits to the RFP and she went over the edits with the group and made additional suggestions. Lucy Morrison and the administrator will be going over these edits and making changes over the next few weeks. The Committee expressed the hope for an October first deadline for these edits. The administrator said she would speak to Ms. Morrison about this but she thought it possible to do so.

High Street Update: The administrator informed the Committee that she had been in touch with Carol Mariner at CHAPA regarding the situation with the High St. condominiums. Ms. Cryer had been sent a compliance letter and Ms. Cryer sent the forms back saying that she was indeed in compliance. Ms. Mariner sent out the same compliance letter to Ms. Zettl and is waiting to receive her reply. The Committee would like the administrator to continue to follow-up with Ms. Mariner on Ms. Zettl's response and to then request Ms. Cryer's and Ms. Zettl's presence at a future meeting to discuss the compliance issues.

The administrator informed the Committee that there is a new procurement officer named Bryan

Belanger. The former procurement officer, Juliet Mulinare will help to transition Mr. Belanger through this process. Additionally she will be available to continue consultation on the Meshacket RFP.

There was brief additional discussion of the new town website and what the Committee would require to be there. Tim Rush suggested Meshacket updates.

The Committee briefly discussed the Meeting House Place development and the changes made to their proposal. The Committee would like the administrator to inquire about who will be qualifying the recipients of the proposed work-force housing in the development. The Chairman suggested speaking with Lucy Morrison about the Committee's concerns.

The Chairman discussed meeting with Stephan Pond at the last Trust meeting. Chairman Hess explained to the Committee that he had the administrator find out what was approved to be spent on the property and what money was left over for the requested amount from Mr. Pond. The administrator found in minutes from 2012 that the Committee had previously approved to pay the bill for basement insulation at the estimated amount of \$3670.00. The work has now been finished and the new bill comes to \$4140.00. The administrator discussed relevant details of the buy-down program that would advocate for the payment of this bill also. Christine White made a motion to recommend a payment of \$4140.00 be made for the installation of insulation at 4 Waqua Ave, a buy-down property owned by Stephan Pond. Tim Rush seconded the motion. All members present were in favor.

Demo Delays: There were no new demo delays.

Correspondence: There was no new correspondence

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Arielle Faria