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Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee Meeting Minutes April 4, 2013

Members Present: Mark Hess, Janet Hathaway, Christina Brown Tim Rush, Sharon Purdy

Member Absent: Melissa Vincent

Also Present: Joseph Roberts, Michelle Roberts, Margaret Serpa, Phillippe Jordi, Paul Moreau

4:30pm Minutes were approved as amended.

Margaret spoke with Committee members about the upcoming town meeting and the warrant article asking the voters to change the use of the tax title lot on 6<sup>th</sup> street for Affordable Housing. Types of restrictions were discussed, in perpetuity or a 10 to 15 year restriction. Janet talked about the possibility of utilizing Trust funds to bring in Town water and sewer which would be paid back to the Trust from the sale of the lots.

Phillippe Jordi came before the committee to present Janet a certificate of appreciation for her many years of service to the Island Housing Trust and thanked her for her time and hard work. Paul Moreau, Edgartown representative to the IHT, also came to thank Janet in person. Sibel was also presented with a certificate of appreciation for her time served on the board of IHT. Phillippe started to discuss possibly purchasing 68 winter street (a 6 unit building in town known as the *Edgartown Lodge Apartments*) with the DCRHA and possibly the Edgartown AHC. The owner was asking for \$1,575,000. The purpose would be to turn this in to affordable and/or elderly housing. A discussion took place regarding feasibility and the cost involved in needed renovations. Committee members did not see this as a viable possibility but thanked Phillippe for bringing it to their attention.

Joseph Roberts introduced himself to the committee and discussed his interest in becoming a board member of the EAHC. The committee welcomed him and instructed him to write a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

Mark gave everyone an update on the meeting with the MVC from March 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The MVC accepted the Committee's request for a word change to the DRI#551 regarding the use of the Field Club Funds for Affordable Housing programs.

Christina motioned to make an amendment to the Goals, Concepts and By laws document that was approved by the Committee on April 4. Change on the 1<sup>st</sup> page from "A board member must attend 90% of meetings" to "It is expected that a board member will attend a majority of posted meetings throughout the year". Motion was seconded and passed.

The inventory software was discussed. A description of the types of documents and information that will be placed in to the software data base was reviewed. Both ownership and rentals will be in the data base. Committee motioned, seconded and passed unanimously to recommend the Trust to purchase a software program and hire tech help not to exceed \$1500.00.

Next meeting scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully Submitted

By Sibel Suman