

**Affordable Housing Committee Meeting Minutes September 24, 2013**

Members Present: Mark Hess, Janet Hathaway, Tim Rush, Christina Brown, Joseph Roberts, Mellssa Vincent, Christine White.

Member Absent: Sharon Purdy

Minutes from September 5, 2013 were approved as written. There was no meeting held on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2013 due to a lack of quorum.

**Tax Title Lots:** The Selectmen had sent a notice to various town boards to see if there was any interest in acquiring tax title lots located throughout the Town. The Committee examined a series of maps first focusing on lots at and over 10,000sf. Motion was made seconded and passed unanimously for the following parcels: Map 35 lot 18 Map 34 lots 247 & 238 Map 30 lot 87.1 Map 22 lots 57.26 & 57.21 Map 21 lot 70 Map 11B lots 244.1 and 244.2 motion also included discussing the possibility of bringing back the old youth lot concept (such as sixth St) for the smaller lots. A letter will be sent to the selectmen regarding the tax title lots.

**CPC** David Vigneault, Executive Director, of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority had previously requested the Committees support for their FY15 CPC request of \$126,000 for the Rental Assistance Program. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to support the DCRHA CPC funding request of \$126,000 for the Rental Assistance Program. Philip Jordi, Executive Director, of Island Housing Trust had previously requested the Committees support for their FY15 CPC request of \$65,000 for the purchase and renovation of 14 Village Court in Vineyard Haven to be used for housing low income working families. One unit will be given Edgartown preference. The Committee agreed to the concept of participating in an Island wide project. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to support IHT's funding request of \$65,000 for the purchase and renovation of 14 Village Court.

**CPC funds for Meshacket.** The Committee discussed Meshacket. Mark stated that they were still waiting to hear back from NESP. Once NESP can let the committee know what size building envelope will be permitted plans can go forward. \$250,000 of CPC funds that became available on July 1 2013 will be used for water, sewer, roads. The complete Infrastructure will most likely use the existing funds available. Funds will be needed to develop and design a complete site plan to scale with interior lay outs. Motion was made seconded and passed unanimously to submit a CPC application requesting \$250,000.00 for FY15 to be used for the complete site and design development of Meshacket.

**Correspondence:** The Committee voted unanimously to pass on 2 demo delay bylaw notices that came in September. Christina had prepared a new proposal for demo delay bylaw notices. Mark thanked Christina for working on this and the Committee will review further at the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

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