

Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee Meeting Minutes December 5th 2013

Members Present:

Mark Hess, Christine White, Christina Brown, Melissa Vincent, Joseph Roberts.

Member Absent: Tim Rush

Others present: Tom Soldini, Christine Flynn MVC and Pam Dolby Town Administrator.

Mark opened the meeting at 4:30 pm Minutes from October 17th 2013 were approved as amended. There were no meetings held in November 2013.

Pam discussed with the Committee the possibility for affordable housing recipients who are already in a home ownership program to be able to move up to a larger property within an affordable housing program similar to the 6th street lots. Pam continued to give an example of a family with one child and another one on the way and they viewed their deed restricted home as too small. The Committee discussed the possibility as a positive one since the "family", by moving up to a larger living situation, would be selling back their existing home to another eligible family.

Christine Flynn, Economic Development and Affordable Housing Planner from the MVC, presented the Committee with copies of the Martha's Vineyard Housing Needs Assessment Summary Findings and the complete assessment study prepared by Karen Sunnarborg. Christine explained how this study contains a wealth of data that will be a great asset to the Towns as well as those in the health and social services. The study identified demographic and economic data on a Town by Town basis and island wide with comparisons to what has been completed since the prior study done in 2001. The study also contained recommendations for the future; with a goal of creating 50 units per year 80% rentals, 20% home ownership. Because of the aging population on the island at least 20% of future rental development should be for senior housing. One way for Towns to create such housing would be to encourage the Housing Committees and Planning Boards to work together looking at zoning by laws to utilize land more efficiently.

Mark read 2 letters of interest to serve on the Committee that were sent to the BOS. Tom Soldini current Trust Member and Susan Shea. Motion was made seconded and passed to recommend Tom Soldini as an EAHC member to the Board of Selectman. Mark requested that Susan Shea be notified that currently we are at full membership and that there is room for a member to serve on the Trust if she is interested.

Mark stated a letter will be prepared and sent to Janet with a copy sent to the BOS thanking her for her many years of service on the Board.

The Field Clubs minimum payment due of \$20,000.00 was submitted in November. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minimum payment due of \$20,000.00 from the Field Club as stated in the contract. Motion was made seconded and passed unanimously to accept the payment of \$20,000 from the Field Club.

Mark passed out packets of the "Project Concept" for Meshacket and asked that Committee members come up with drawings for a concept that can be taken to Doug Hoehn for a preliminary site plan. The good news is that a building envelope has been identified from discussions with NESP and Dick Barbini. The next step will be to solicit design ideas from local architects and developers.

The Committee discussed favoring 100% rentals for the Meshacket property. The inclusion of senior housing was also discussed and whether to have eligibility be income or asset based. Mark stated that this discussion will continue further as the design plans get developed.

Mark announced to the Board that Sibel was resigning and will stay on until the end of the month. A letter thanking her for her hard work assisting the Committee will get written and a copy sent to the BOS.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 19th at 4:30

Respectfully Submitted

Sibel Suman