

DENNIS AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

APRIL 24, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Town of Dennis Public Meeting Notice

This is to formally advise that, as required by Mass. G. L. Chapter 30A §§18-25, and pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, signed into law on June 16, 2021, this meeting of the **Dennis Affordable Housing Trust (DAHT) on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 5:00pm.**

Trust members present; Kate Byron (KB); Kayla Hilts (KH).

Excused absence: Joshua Mason, Acting Chair; David Winther; PJ Rainwater.

Town Staff present: Maggie Spade-Aguilar (MSA), Housing Coordinator.

KH called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

AGENDA

1. Housing Coordinator Update: - General FYI – Ready Renter, new Planning Office hires, meetings & trainings of interest - (w/ Kate Byron): Update on Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI) list – In Process Units

MSA said she met with Mary Waygan, Affordable Housing CDBG Coordinator, to go over properties on SHI list; referenced flyer that is used to announce available units.

KH sought clarification on 133-147 Division St. which MSA said she is working at getting on the SHI list and could take a couple of months. Address for reference is 697 Main St. KH asked per 447 Main St. 315 and 317 C Street to be removed from the list.

New hires include Anna Pannell, Administrator Assistant to the Planner, and Paul Foley, new Town Planner. Outgoing Town Planner will be available to assist as needed until his move to Wisconsin.

Housing Huddles with Bob Samoluk have been ongoing, next one is tonight at 6:00pm. Huddles facilitated through Housing to Protect Cape Cod which will feature three events: Becoming A Housing Advocate, Happy Hours and Take Your Seat. May 4th at 6pm on Zoom to broadcast Becoming A Housing Advocate; May 17th at Las Chidas in Orleans is the Happy Hour event; future event schedules to be announced.

MSA said she is working with Mike Gleeson at the Veteran's Center to get the Center on the SHI list; awaiting Fair Marketing Plan and the application's required documents which, she said, is a bit complicated based on vouchers specific to Vets. MSA said this property should be acceptable to Margo at the State Dept. of Housing and Community Development, or DHCD. 530 Main St. is with LIP (Local Initiative Program); 697 Main and Division St.

775 Main St. won in court and is applying for funding with Mass Development wanting to fund the project. 20 Alexander St. will have exhausted its appeals this summer. 49 Baxter St. added to the SHI list; an ownership with two at affordable and two at full market, both deed restricted. Ocean Pines at 321 Main St. is a 'maybe,' tiny homes. KB said she will look into past paperwork regarding the property. 209 Main St. in West Dennis to come before the Planning Board next week, under application by the new owner. 401 Main St., The Columns, discussed in terms of four affordable units and a plan to make all units ownership units.

2. Impressions & Ideas from meeting w/ CHAPA Municipal Engagement Initiative (MEI) Lite meeting

KB said the group seemed very professional and MSA said she liked the education component. KH said she felt this summer should see regularly scheduled meetings for the Trust, questioned if the public might be too busy during the in-season months to attend a launch meeting. MSA said she could foresee a launch meeting in September and that the Trust has had four people apply for the two available positions with the Select Board planning to appoint two new members at tomorrow's meeting.

3. PJ Rainwater: Discussion of Tiny homes

Tabled.

4. Kayla Hilts: Update on web site

KH gave an overview of what she and MSA revised in terms of additions that might be made to the Trust website along with ways to make the site user-friendly and have available resources. MSA said that a Town site revamp is expected within the next few weeks. KH said they will get back in touch with Dan for an update on the launch.

5. Dave W: Wixon School Status and Overlay District Status

KB referenced the 72-acre plot with a potential for multi-family units. Wixon School currently vacant, but is Town owned and must be approved for transfer to private ownership. MSA said that per Dan, the ball field could be kept for recreation and ints developed as senior or affordable housing.

6. Approval of minutes – March 27, 2023

No minutes approved, lack of quorum. Discussion of uploading approved minutes to the Town website.

7. Adjourn

KH made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:57pm. KB seconded motion and it passed, 2-0-0: KB, KH.

Respectfully submitted,
Jody O'Neil