

NANTUCKET AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

~~ MEETING MINUTES ~~

Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

Remote Meeting *via* Zoom– **1:00 pm**

Trust Members: Brian Sullivan (Chair), Reema Sherry (Vice-Chair), Brooke Mohr, Meg Browers, Dave Iverson, Shantaw Bloise-Murphy, Penny Dey

ATTENDING MEMBERS: Reema Sherry, Penny Dey, Meg Browers, Brooke Mohr, Shantaw Bloise-Murphy, Dave Iverson

ABSENT: Brian Sullivan

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Hayley Cooke (Housing & Real Estate Office Manager), Ken Beaugrand (Real Estate Specialist)

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Elizabeth Blair, Anne Kuszpa

I. Call to Order

Reema Sherry calls the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

II. Approval of Agenda - ACTION

Dave Iverson makes a **MOTION** to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Penny Dey.

ROLL CALL of those participating:

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| 1. Penny Dey | Aye |
| 2. Brooke Mohr | Aye |
| 3. Reema Sherry | Aye |
| 4. Meg Browers | Aye |
| 5. Shantaw-Bloise Murphy | Aye |
| 6. Dave Iverson | Aye |

Agenda is adopted by 6-0 vote.

III. Approval of minutes – ACTION

Brooke Mohr makes a **MOTION** to approve the minutes from 2.21.23. Seconded by

Penny Dey.

ROLL CALL of those participating:

1. Penny Dey Aye
2. Brooke Mohr Aye
3. Reema Sherry Aye
4. Meg Browers Aye
5. Shantaw-Bloise Murphy Aye

Motion is adopted by 5-0 vote.

Dave Iverson abstains from the vote, as he was not present for the 2.21.23 meeting.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Advocacy Day in Boston to Support Transfer Fee – DISCUSSION

March 23, 2023: Join islanders from Nantucket and Martha's Vinyard to advocate at the State House on Beacon Hill for the housing bank/transfer fee. There will be a press event at the State House, meetings with legislators, and we need your help to make an impact with as many Nantucketers as possible.

Transportation costs and lunch will be provided to those traveling with us from Nantucket. We will leave Nantucket on the 7:30am ferry and return on the 3:05 pm ferry. The first 100 to sign up and attend will receive a t-shirt. Please email Hayley Cooke at hcooke@nantucket-ma.gov if you are interested in attending.

VI. Communications Outreach Plan for Town Meeting – DISCUSSION

The Trust members discussed various options for communicating the AHTF's past, present, and future work prior, and goals with future funding ahead of Town meeting in May. They discussed keeping the cost under \$10k to avoid the delay/process of procurement and discussed their top goals with communications. The Trust's main goals can be seen in the meeting packet in a one pager. They ultimately decided against moving forward on a quote Brooke Mohr provided from a production company for a video, because the timeline was too short. They discussed social media outreach and radio advertisements. They also discussed creating a handout

that can be passed around at Town meeting. They agreed it is important that info goes out in a timely manner and that it is easily digestible.

Meg Browers: Can we make recommendations regarding the ballot measure, warrant articles?

Reema Sherry: We want to say what we want to do, why we need the money, but we don't say "give this to us."

Brooke Mohr: Public assets can be used to support warrant articles at Town Meeting. We've had discussions on if we want to do that, but it is ok for us to comment positively on Warrant Articles at Town Meeting as a group or individuals, but we cannot recommend or make comments on the ballot measures. We can remind people that there is a ballot measure, and that day election day is. There's a very fine line about we can say. But we can vote to put in official support on a warrant article as a Board and speak to it at Town Meeting.

Hayley Cooke: Did you all still want to have a communications subcommittee to meet?

Reema Sherry: In the past, Brooke and I were on this Communications subcommittee. Are there two others who want to jump on?

Brian Sullivan, Reema Sherry, and Shantaw-Bloise Murphy will volunteer to be on a communications subcommittee. Hayley will work to set these subcommittees up in the conference room and post meeting agendas, minutes, etc.

VII. Down Payment Assistance Program – DISCUSSION

Brooke Mohr: I've been trying to meet with Beth Ann Meehan, but with vacation and travel, I haven't had a chance yet. I do have some questions out via email, and what we need to figure out is if this is even possible for the closings at Richmond, which I doubt because Town Counsel is very busy. Unless there is a delay in construction or closing, this seems unlikely for those homeowners, but I want to keep this on our minds for the next set of houses. Keep this moving forward. It has been confirmed that there are some funds from the year the that could fund this. And if we get the override, that money could also be used to create a Downpayment Assistance program. We could roll this out for Covenant buyers the next fiscal year starting July 1.

Reema Sherry: Brooke, have you come across applications for other Towns for this? Hayley, can you look at some applications and put together a draft for an

application that we can start to look at?

Brooke Mohr: I am looking at the timelines for closing at Richmond, it is July and August. So, we can start to move on this. Hayley, I'll email you and Tucker with more information, and we can work on this.

VIII. Other Business

Anne Kuszpa (via the chat): Can we get an update on the Amelia Drive RFP?

Reema Sherry: All RFPs are being finalized with Town Counsel. For Amelia Drive RFP, we wanted an as-built plan to go with it. We have been waiting on that to be finished.

Brooke Mohr: It is also under review at procurement.

IX. Board Comments

Brooke Mohr: The last foundation holes have been dug at 31 FG. The race to finish line is on. The progress over there looks great.

X. Adjourn

Penny Dey makes a **MOTION** to adjourn end the meeting. Seconded by Dave Iverson.

ROLL CALL of those participating:

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| 1. Penny Dey | Aye |
| 2. Brooke Mohr | Aye |
| 3. Reema Sherry | Aye |
| 4. Meg Browers | Aye |
| 5. Shantaw-Bloise Murphy | Aye |
| 6. Dave Iverson | Aye |

Motion is adopted by 6-0 vote.

Meeting adjourned at 1:38pm.

Submitted by:
Hayley Cooke