



TOWN OF CAPE ELIZABETH MEETING Minutes

MEETING: Appointments Committee
DATE: Wednesday, August 17, 2022
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Town Hall – Lower Level Conference Room

Roll Call

Nicole Boucher, Chair
Susan A. Gillis
Timothy S. Reiniger

Debra M. Lane, Town Clerk

Welcome – Chair Nicole Boucher

Public Comment

Tim Thompson, 6 Pine Ridge Road suggested members of the Ad-Hoc Housing Diversity Study Committee be provided with copies of the Comprehensive Plan and the three volumes of the Housing Diversity Study.

Debra noted that she and the Town Planner plan to meet with the committee's staff support in preparation of the committee's first organizational meeting. As suggested, report copies will be provided.

Reconvening of the Appointments Committee Relating to a Recommendation to the Ad-Hoc Housing Diversity Study Committee

The Appointments Committee presented recommendations to the Town Council at the August 8 meeting to appoint (7) citizens to the Ad-Hoc Housing Diversity Study Committee. The Town Council voted to remove one of the recommendations (Curtis Kelly) from the list of candidates and for the Appointments Committee to reconvene to consider a recommendation back to the council.

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Mr. Kelly was invited and accepted the invitation to meet with the Appointments Committee at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Kelly explained how he learned of the proposed amendments to the town center relating to affordable housing, the proposed Dunham Court project, the Save Our Center group and the GoFundMe page.

Mr. Kelly reiterated, as mentioned in emails responding to questions about his nomination to the committee, that he still has not decided on the issue or joined a side. He continues to look at all sides of an issue. He would still like to serve on the committee.

The Committee thanked Mr. Kelly for his time.

It was noted that thought will be given to similar circumstances should they arise in the future. If questions/comments/concerns are raised about a nominee, how should it be handled?

It was a consensus of the Appointments Committee to recommend Curtis Kelly to serve on the Ad-Hoc Housing Diversity Study Committee. The recommendation will be forwarded to the Town Council for the next regular meeting on September 12.

Discussion topics:

- What would trigger the reconvening of the Appointments Committee?
- If information is omitted on a board application and/or not shared at the interview, at what point should a nominee be asked further questions?
- How do you distinguish between a passing comment and more substantiated concerns that warrant further review?
- If there are further questions relating to a nominee(s), should the entire slate of nominees to the town council be deferred or just the nominee(s)?
- Understanding the Appointments Committee may not discuss matters before the committee outside of a meeting, if questions are raised that the committee should meet, staff would work with the committee chair to schedule the meeting.

Public Comment

At this point, no public members were present.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned without objection at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra M. Lane, Town Clerk