



TOWN OF CAPE ELIZABETH MEETING MINUTES

MEETING: Ad-Hoc Housing Diversity Study Committee

DATE: July 11, 2023

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: Town Hall, Council Chambers (Hybrid)

Present: Kevin Justh (KJ), Timothy Thompson (TT), Curtis Kelly (CK), Katie Reeves (KR), Amit Oza (AO), Victoria Volent (VV), Stephanie Anderson (SA)

Absent: All members present

Committee Support Staff: Kristina Musante (KM) of K&J Strategic Solutions via zoom, Sam Fleishman and Ma'alaea Lawrence of Comengage, survey contractors.

Public Guests: Three to five

Attendance: All present

1. Call Meeting to Order

6:30 pm meeting called to order.

2. Roll Call

All present

3. Public Comment

John Volt encouraged the committee on the importance of finding a way to create housing solutions that allow residents to stay and for the community to keep its generations of families. The solution he offered is increasing density and giving examples to the community that people love. Capture through the survey the support for density projects and town centers that are loved in other areas. "Run toward what we want," was his advice.

Sandy Dunam asked that the next meeting be rescheduled so that interested parties could attend both the Council meeting and the HDSC meeting.

_____ (name not given) asked about the cost of Loomio and the means of advertising Loomio. It was suggested that the Friends of Cape Elizabeth site should be included in outreach efforts.

4. Approval of Minutes from July 6th 2023

Minutes approved 7-0

5. List of Agenda Items

a) July 17th Meeting discussion

The committee agreed to the July 17th Meeting from 6pm to 7pm to allow members to attend the Town Council meeting with several housing issues being presented.

b) Survey Update and approval

The committee discussed changes and updates to the public opinion survey with contractors. Section 1 and 2 were previously approved.

The committee discussed remaining survey question changes. The committee worked to develop questions that would measure public appetite about density, lot size and other issues that surround creating diverse housing in Cape Elizabeth. Specifically, Gull Crest questions were added to the survey help gauge public sentiment, however, there is some discussion if these need to be revised after the Town Council meeting on Monday July 17, 2023.

c) Outreach Update and approval

Members did not give any additional changes.

6. Next Meeting/Event

Announce Date/Time/Place

Items on the Agenda – Continued or New Items

- a) Monday, July 17 at 6:30PM in Town Hall, Council Chambers (Hybrid)
- b) Monday, August 7 at 6:30PM in Town Hall, Council Chambers (Hybrid)
- c) Monday, August 28 at 6:30PM in Town Hall, Council Chambers (Hybrid)
- d) Monday, September 18 at 6:30PM in Town Hall, Council Chambers (Hybrid)

e) Monday, September 25 at 6:30PM in Town Hall, Council Chambers
(Hybrid)

7. Public Comment

John Volt asked the committee to ask questions about density framed around relatively. And vacant lots around density, less, or status quo, or other. Also asked that the draft survey be sent out earlier so he can review it adequately.

8. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10 pm.