



TOWN OF CAPE ELIZABETH MEETING MINUTES

MEETING: Ad-Hoc Housing Diversity Study Committee

DATE: July 24, 2023

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: Town Hall, Council Chambers (HYBRID)

Hybrid Meeting - Members of the Public May Participate Remotely During

Present: Kevin Justh (KJ), Timothy Thompson (TT), Curtis Kelly (CK), Victoria Volent (VV), Stephanie Anderson (SA)

Absent: Amit Oza (AO), Katie Reeves (KR),

Committee Support Staff: Kristina Musante (KM) of K&J Strategic Solutions present via Zoom and Ma'alaea Lawrence of Comengage, the survey contractor, via Zoom.

Public Guests: John Voltz joined by Zoom at around 7:09 pm; and few members joined in person.

Attendance: Two members absent, five members present in person.

1. Call Meeting to Order

6:30 pm

2. Roll Call

Five present, two absent, quorum achieved.

3. Public Comment

None

5. List of Agenda Items

a. Survey Development

- i. Conversation with Consultants for survey to finalize the survey

Committee members worked with survey contractor to make changes to the Questionnaire for the public survey on housing.

Public comments and suggestions for the survey were discussed and incorporated into the survey.

TT motion to make survey complete and seconded with changes discussed 5-0 pass.

Post card was approved SA moved, TT second, 5-0

6. Staff Updates

Kristina suggested the survey data collection be during September to ensure enough participation.

KJ suggested a 60-day extension be requested through December and that was voted 5-0.

An August report is due to the council and it was asked that Kristina prepare a draft that includes the extension request.

Kristina was asked to contact Maine Housing regarding an affordable housing funding assessment for the Gull Crest area.

7. Reports and Correspondence

- a) Elizabeth Goodspeed email about Phone Survey Validation (attached)

8. Next Meeting/Event

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

- a) Monday, August 7 at 6:30PM in Town Hall, Council Chambers (Hybrid)
- b) Monday, August 28 at 6:30PM in Town Hall, Council Chambers (Hybrid)
- c) Monday, September 18 at 6:30PM in Town Hall, Council Chambers (Hybrid)
- d) Monday, September 25 at 6:30PM in Town Hall, Council Chambers (Hybrid)

9. Public Comment

Cynthia Dill thanked the committee and appreciated that the feasibility study was done for Gull Crest. She stated she was comfortable with using 22 acres, and supportive of two options that don't require the zoning ordinances changes. She thanked the committee for including a question

Julie Sprague stated she didn't want to see too much government interference and outside money coming into the town.

John Voltz stated he was happy with question changes, but asked to change the word "tear down" and use "replacement". On Gull Crest study the unresolved issue is suitable for typical housing finance, if not then the cost could be substantially higher. Ask people if they support affordable housing if the cost is substantially higher than usually affordable housing.

10. Adjournment

HDSC adjourned at 8:40 pm