

EASTHAM AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST
MEETING MINUTES
Small Meeting Room
8:30AM -Wednesday September 21, 2016

Members Present: Eileen Morgan, Elizabeth Gawron, Carolyn McPherson, Bill Burt
Staff Present: Paul Lagg, Town Planner

Eileen Morgan opened the meeting at 8:35AM. Carolyn McPherson moved that the minutes of August 17 be approved, and Elizabeth Gawron made the second. Minutes were approved 4-0. Eileen Morgan moved that the minutes of August 31 be approved, and Carolyn McPherson made the second. Minutes were approved 4-0.

Paul Lagg presented the Trust with copies of the Vision Statement previously adopted by the Trust. Bill Burt gave some history behind the vision statement. After some discussion the vision statement was amended to include “renters” to the end of the last bullet of the vision statement: “Create innovative programs and make use of existing methods in an effort to financially assist low and moderate income homebuyers, homeowners and **renters.**” Bill Burt made the motion to approve the vision statement as amended, Carolyn McPherson made the second. Motion passed 4-0

Paul Lagg presented Trust members with his staff report. He proposed that the Trust use the next meeting in October to finalize what programs would be included in the request in the ‘change of use’ in the present funding. He told members that he invited Alice Board to that meeting to provide some guidance on the programs listed on three-page matrix of Affordable Housing Options. A vote and decision should come out of that meeting. When a decision is made, then the CPC should be informed upfront about the change in the use of the funding, just to feel them out. Eileen felt a separate meeting should be held to inform the public. There was lengthy further discussion. It was finally decided to have a public information session meeting November 2 at 4:30PM, prior to the CPC meeting.

Trust members went over the three page matrix of potential programs, and worked on narrowing down the priorities. Paul Lagg told members that Alice Boyd would be able to inform them as to how well a program would work and what difficulties would be associated with managing them. There was discussion on each of the items. Final decisions will be made at the meeting in October.

Carolyn McPherson made a motion to approve payment of invoices:
\$5,489.12 – Annual Insurance Renewal Package
\$750.00 – Homeless Prevention Council
Elizabeth Gawron made the second. Motion passed 4-0

The Trust re-organized. Eileen Morgan made a motion to have Carolyn McPherson serve as chair, and to have Bill Burt stay on as clerk. Motion passed 4-0

Next Meeting was set for Oct. 19, and the meeting adjourned at 10:15AM

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Burt