

**Affordable Housing Committee Meeting Minutes  
Town of Orleans  
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 4:30 p.m.  
Hybrid in the Nauset Room**

**Attending:** Fran McClennen, Bill Stoeckert, Nancy Renn, Susan Carlson, Rich Kendall, Marsha Allgeier as AH coordinator, Andrea Reed as Select Board liaison

Nancy Renn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m

**Habitat for Humanity of CC Presentation**

Wendy Cullinan, Executive Director and Beth Wade, Director of Development presented the Habitat program and highlighted 3 new directions for the program.

1. The Board of Directors recently increased the Barnstable County eligibility AMI from 60% to 80%.
2. The organization is actively exploring and has been successful in other towns in responding to the need for housing density on the Cape. They are in the process of designing town home, zero lot line examples. They are in touch with Orleans on the possibilities presented by the Governor Prence property.
3. The organization is also actively exploring how to add solar to their building program, with the goal of putting solar on all houses

**Update from the Governor Prence Planning Committee and Discussion of AHC Vision for the Property**

Fran McLennen led a brainstorming session to gather the Affordable Housing Committee's guidance for the Planning Committee. Fran's takeaway included:

1. Support for both **A**ffordable and **a**ffordable housing on the property, meeting mixed needs including the so-called missing middle.
2. Strong support for balancing affordability with aesthetics, greenspace, energy sensitivity, and a community/neighborhood feeling.
3. Support for other uses supporting the community, with housing primary

**Letter of Support for Chris DeSisto, Orleans Plaza**

The Committee voted 5-0-0 to approve sending the letter drafted by Nancy Renn to the Old King's Highway

**Discussion of Future Agenda Items and Joint Meeting with Affordable Housing Trust Board**

Future agenda items discussed included:

- The possibility of a 501C3 to raise funds for affordable housing in the "missing middle."
- Review of Scope of Work for updating housing data
- If there is a need for a committee liaison to the Trust Board
- An update for the community on what's happening related to affordable housing.
- Town website improvements, including a housing "landing page" with multiple resources, created in partnership with the Trust Board and possibly using CPC funding. Marsha will begin exploring the possibilities for this new resource
- Possibility of presentations by the Homeless Prevention Council and the Community Development Partnership for information on ADUs support.

Nancy Renn reported that the Committee's next meeting would be joint with the Trust Board to explore these topics.

### **Other**

The Barnstable County HOME group which guides spending of federal HOME dollars for the most needy citizens, needs an Orleans representative. Marsha Allgier will be named the Orleans representative.

### **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and approved by a vote of 5-0-1 to approve minutes of the April 4, 2022 meeting,

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 4:30 in the Nauset Room and will be a joint meeting with the Affordable Housing Trust Board.

The meeting adjourned on a 5-0-0 vote at 6:09.

Respectfully submitted  
Nancy James, Clerk