

Egremont Housing Committee
Minutes of Meeting April 19, 2023
Zoom

1. Co-Chairs Doug Mishkin and Judi Goodman called meeting to order at 5:03 pm.
2. Attending: Committee members Judi Goodman, Doug Mishkin, Mark Holmes, George McGurn, Bruce Kafenbaum, Richard Allen, Bob Noonan and Elizabeth Keen, and community participants Stephanie James, Marcia Arland, Mary McGurn, Lucinda Vermeulen, Fred Gordon and Donna Bersch Gordon
3. Meeting Minutes unanimously approved from March 13, 2023 meeting.
4. There is nothing new to report on the 6-acre town lot. Peg McDonough hasn't heard anything regarding the Expression of Interest to date.
5. Reports on Comprehensive Plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan.
The results of March 11th meeting have been compiled by the consultants and there is now a new survey as of April 17th and it will be open until April 28th. There are references to affordable housing in this survey. The Advisory Committees for the CP and the OSRP are responsible for informing the public of its existence and to encourage residents to respond. There will be digital and print outreach.
6. Articles 6 and 7 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
The Select Board decided at its March 28 budget meeting to put the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust (the "Trust") on the warrant for the May 2 meeting. Co-Chairs Doug Mishkin and Judi Goodman explained their support for the Trust and why they thought the Housing Committee should support it. There was discussion about the differences between a public Trust and a private nonprofit housing trust; about whether there should be limitations on the Select Board's ability to remove a member of the Trust's board of trustees; and about the timing of placing this on the warrant for this annual meeting. Mary McGurn produced a sheet with bullet points about the articles. Doug and Judi produced a Q&A sheet. The Committee voted 5-0, with one abstention (Richard Allen), to support these articles. The Committee express thanks to Doug and Judi for their work on this.
7. Next meeting will be May 22nd, 2023 via Zoom.
8. Meeting adjourned at 6:09

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Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Keen for Richard Allen