



Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Date: February 21, 2022

Attendees: Karl Klein, Charlie Hosford, Mac Rood, Paul Sipple, Bob Ackland, Karen Mitchell and Michelle Leibowitz, Executive Director

Perry Bigelow - absent

Via Zoom: Laura Bailey, Bob Cook, Alice Peal

Call to order – meeting called to order by the Chair at 4:35 pm

Any adjustments to the agenda – none heard

Approval of minutes – Jan 2022 and Dec 2021 – Mac Rood motioned, Charlie Hosford seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report – none given- Treasury report was provided

ED Report – Michelle Leibowitz – Michelle gave a detailed report of the progress she has made in her 1st full month of being onboard. She explained that most of her time has been invested in learning, who the players are, how housing has historically been addressed, and what needs to be addressed in what order.

Michelle also addressed the ADU program in that she is reviewing to see how much money is needed per unit to incentivize creation of an ADU. She also addressed the use of the acronym Fair Market Rent (FMR), suggesting a more meaningful term needs to be considered or the public needs education on what FMR means.

Workforce housing was another part of her report sharing that Sugarbush and Sage/Hydeway have plans for such and both projects are moving forward. In addition, she mentioned outreach to other businesses and the need to educate them on possibility of a joint venture similar to what Sage was doing.

In the area of administration Michelle asked about the website, it is not functional, Facebook page and SEO management of social media.

Discussion on revising by-laws and annual meeting - Tabled

ARPA request to Towns schedule and status – Bob Ackland gave an overview of the proposed approach, and those dates are set for Waitsfield, 3/28, and Fayston, 4/5. No date has been set for Warren. There was a robust discussion on the content of the draft that had been circulated. Many points of the discussion were agreed on and it was left that members of the board would submit their suggestions to Bob. Bob explained that he has enlisted the assistance of 2-3 outside editors to review the Request document and that he would place a considerable amount of weight to their suggestions.

Status of MRV Housing Fund thank you letters – note via email from Perry prior to the meeting stating that all donors had been issued thank you letters.

Review of action steps and who is point person – no action steps were defined other than the ARPA request.

Meeting adjourn at 6:01 pm

Respectfully submitted;
Bob Ackland
Secretary