



Mad River Valley Housing Coalition
Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Date: April 25, 2022

Attendees: Karl Klein, Charlie Hosford, Mac Rood, Perry Bigelow, Bob Ackland, Michele Leibowitz, Executive Director, and Camilla Behn

Via Zoom: Paul Sipple, Karen Winchell, Zach Watson, Alice Peal, Laura Bailey, Bob Cook

Meeting called to order by Chair at 4:31 pm

March 2022 meeting minutes approved. Motion made by Mac Rood and seconded by Charlie Hosford, there was no discussion and approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report presented by Treasurer Perry Bigelow. Unrestricted cash balance at the end of March \$5695.00. Perry shared that the cash balance will zero out in June based on the Executive Director's \$2,400/month expense.

Mobile Home discussion – Mac Rood provided a summary of the offer for the MRVHC to assume ownership of a 1979 mobile home located in Warren that owners are willing to donate with the expectation that the mobile home will be removed by August. Mac provided estimates for taking ownership to include moving and slab. It was pointed out that at this point, there is no known recipient of the mobile home or where the home can be stored. Paul Sipple expressed concern that significant hidden costs have not been addressed and that, most likely, the energy costs would make

ownership unaffordable. Perry shared 5 options he developed in dealing with this mobile home. Bob Ackland made a motion for the ADU committee or Perry to be allowed to explore finding an owner for the mobile home with the stipulation that the prospective owner is responsible for all costs for relocating the mobile home. The MRVHC will not underwrite any cost in relocation or transferring ownership of the mobile home. The motion was seconded by Mac Rood and approved unanimously.

There was a robust discussion regarding the MRVHC ARPA funding request status to the MRV towns. There have been presentations given to the Waitsfield (2) and Fayston. The MRVHC board agreed to ask Warren for a spot on the Warren select board agenda on May 10. Michelle Leibowitz will contact the Warren Town Administrator asking to be on the agenda. The discussion summarized that Waitsfield and Fayston select boards would not decide without a tri-town meeting to discuss this topic. Bob indicated that the executive committee of the MRVPD agreed to have a tri-town meeting in September. The MRVHC board asked Bob to ask the MRVPD if the tri-town meeting could be moved up in time. It was also decided that a request be made to prior donors to bridge the funding gap to November possibly. Un clear who was going to make these requests. There was a suggestion that the ARPA funding be put on the November ballot.

Bob Ackland shared that he is willing to underwrite an advertising campaign sharing the story of people looking for housing the MRV.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm with a motion by Karl seconded by Mac and an unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by;

Bob Ackland
Secretary