

**Fair Housing Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2024**

FHC Members present in person:

Thatcher Kezer, Becky Curran Cutting, Debra Larkin, Dirk Isbrandtsen, Deacon Joe Whipple

Others Present on Zoom: Kyle Wiley, Jim Zisson

Call to order: Thatcher Kezer called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Three sets of minutes, (May 8, 2023, June 27, 2023, and August 8, 2023), were reviewed and briefly discussed. Deacon Joe Whipple initiated one spelling correction.

Deacon Joe Whipple made a motion and the minutes of May 8, 2023, June 27, 2023, and August 8, 2023, were voted upon, and unanimously approved, as corrected.

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Community 3A Zoning Update: Rebecca Curran Cutting informed all that a second grant was approved. She updated all on recent and upcoming forums, focus groups, stakeholder engagements and other group meetings. A brief discussion took place regarding the general plan and Ms. Cutting advised all that a Planning Board Meeting will take place on January 16, 2024, where the plan will be discussed further.

Required votes (50%) at the upcoming Town Meeting was also mentioned. Various town resident responses were reviewed. Ms. Cutting advised that a Town Planner “Open Office Hours” will take place on January 17, 2024, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM for those who would like a less public platform for discussion.

Thatcher reviewed his thoughts for plans upon the departure of the Marblehead Town Planner position including his idea of combining various duties into a Planning and Development Department which he will present at the Town Meeting. This would include an ARPA Coordinator, Grant Writer and other positions that currently exist. The Grant Writer position would pay for itself.

Next Meeting Date: February 13, 2024

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Adjournment: A motion to Adjourn was made at 4:01 PM and all were in favor.

Debby Larkin, Vice Chair – FHC, Scribe

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