

**Fair Housing Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2024**



Debby Larkin, Vice Chair - FHC

Members present in person:

Dan Fox, Acting Chair, Chair, Debra Larkin, Mimi Hollister, Dirk Isbrandtsen

Members present on Zoom:

Kurt James – Alternate Member

This meeting was scheduled to be a joint meeting with the Housing Production Plan Implementation Committee, (HPPIC) however a quorum was not present for that Committee. Therefore, the Fair Housing Committee met, as scheduled.

CALL TO ORDER: Dan Fox called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM.

MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY COMMUNITY 3A ZONING DISCUSSION:

A review and discussion took place regarding MBTA Community 3A Zoning. As previously discussed, the warrant at Town Meeting MBTA Zoning Proposed Compliance model, Article #36 failed to pass at Town Meeting. Therefore, a Special meeting later in 2024 will take place in an effort to pass the zoning and meet the deadline of December 31, 2024, for Marblehead to be compliant with the State.

Future planning and strategy for a successful outcome was suggested by Dirk Isbrandtsen. Kurt James mentioned that the Committee should work with the newly formed Marblehead Housing Coalition as individuals and together. Various areas of Marblehead were discussed along with correcting misinformation and educating the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made to approve the Fair Housing Committee Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2024.

Moved by Ms. Hollister, seconded by Mr. Isbrandtsen, on a roll call vote, the Committee voted as follows: Mr. Isbrandtsen, in favor, Ms. Larkin, in favor; Mr. James, in favor, Ms. Hollister, in favor, Mr. Fox, in favor.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

September 10, 2024 - Joint Meeting with The Housing Production Plan Implementation Committee (HPPIC)
(Mr. Fox suggested that joint meetings (FHC and HPPIC) should commence for the remainder of the year.)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nick Ward, Marblehead Housing Coalition who was joined by Trevor Moore discussed the purpose of this group which he stated was formed in the wake of Town Meeting and the failure to pass 3A zoning. Currently, there are “nine members and counting”. Planning and clarity on goals is taking place at this time. The main

goal is to diversify the housing stock in Marblehead and 3A Zoning is the *initial* part of that goal. The core message regarding 3A zoning is that it is good for the town and the residents of the town. Mr. Fox suggested exchanging contact information between this Committee and FHC in order to stay informed.

Logan Casey, Town Sustainability Coordinator has been working with the Planning Board and the Marblehead Housing Coalition. He is working to show a concrete plan of financial details and available usage for various areas in town. He stated that he continues to assist with grant information, and funding; determining what Marblehead has received and what is in jeopardy.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:14 PM. Moved by Ms. Larkin, seconded by Mr. James. On a roll call vote, the Committee voted as follows: Mr. Isbrandtsen, in favor, Ms. Larkin, in favor; Ms. Hollister, in favor, Mr. James, in favor, Mr. Fox, in favor.