

**Chilmark Housing Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
September 19, 2019**

Present: Jim Feiner, Chair; Jessica Roddy, Michele Leonardi, Ann Wallace and Peter Cook, Planning Board

Meeting was called to order at 9am.

**Review of the Status of Peaked Hill with the Planning Board**

Previously, the CHC had referred the development of Peaked Hill for affordable Housing to the Planning Board. The Planning Board established a subcommittee (Peter Cook, Cathy Thompson, Janet Weidner) to move the project forward. Peter Cook updated the CHC that the PB Subcommittee has been waiting on the availability of a planning grant.

**Motion and voted unanimously:**

The CHC recommends to the PB Subcommittee to work with the MVC to fund Bill Brewster as a planning consultant for Peaked Hill, to provide 2 or 3 different concept options. The CHC would like a response by the end of October.

**Planning Board Hearing (2<sup>nd</sup>) on Proposed Homesite By-law Change**

Monday, September 23, 4:30pm.

Ann Wallace and Jessica Roddy updated the committee on the first hearing. Their impression was that the PB will not recommend the by-law change without additional pressure. The concerns seemed to be increased density, particularly in Menemsha, and setting a minimum lot size.

The CHC consensus:

- By-law change will offer another opportunity to help address the increasing need for affordable housing.
- To keep the language “less than 1 acre”; the existing restrictions (Board of Health, setbacks, etc.) will protect overuse to meet compliance.
- If there is a need, language could be added to limit the applicability to lots greater than 3 acres.
- Committee members to call residents to attend the hearing.

**Update on Administrative Assistant Position**

The position has not yet been advertised. The chair will express to the town administrator the CHC’s need for assistance.

**Multifamily Housing By-law, West Tisbury**

Jim Feiner gave Peter Cook a copy of the Multi-Family Housing By-law in West Tisbury as another way to address affordable housing.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40am

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Wallace (in absence of an Administrative Assistant)