

## CICA Board Minutes

4.9.22

- 1) Meeting was opened at 7:32pm Present: Kel Haney, Deb Hall, Sarah Hopkins, Eliza Adams, Bob Earnest, Ben Yosua-Davis
  
- 2) Ben gave an update/refresher on how we're chartered, organized, etc.
  - a. CICA
  - b. CICA Board
  - c. CICA executive team
  - d. Home Ownership Project Team (Ben short term)
    - i. Rich, Kiran, Eliza, Bill/Pips
  - e. Rental Project Team (Bob)
    - i. Members: Bob, Sarah, Esther, Hank
    - ii. Next steps:
      1. Confirm that the SHR land is buildable
      2. Watch for MH rentals program release ~2-3 weeks
      3. Consider build alternatives (ie small mod, tiny home, etc)
      4. application (assistance from Genesis) ...
  - f. Housing Survey (Eliza) help from I/I, reference to earlier surveys / other islands. Review of current draft of survey.
  - g. Additionally: we have a few adjunct team members on committees; going forward we would like to add adjunct team members, as needed.
  
- 3) Island Consortium Discussion (see doc) (30 minutes)
  - a. Comment: how do we keep momentum going on efforts within either team, while at the same time building the collaboration efforts?
  - b. Goal: to get to a place where we're comfortable joining forces – Echo, CICA, Town, etc – to best achieve the goals at hand. What structure best meets the goals at hand? Combine all assets under one appropriate umbrella – Yes!
  - c. Pushback on fulltime employee concept (at least at the start)
  - d. One year timeline is a great ideal, but perhaps the conversation has to proceed at a pace that allows relationship building and allows us all to “get it right”; perhaps a good direction is to “hold the one-year goal lightly”
  - e. Consider starting with two major roles at the get go:
    - i. CICA – execute / build a few projects that can get done quickly
    - ii. ECHO: fundraising, PR, communication, needs analysis
      1. Then: cross pollinate teams. Examples: perhaps an ECHO person wants to get involved with tiny homes; they could work on the CICA rentals team. Or, a CICA member wants

to help work on long term strategy; they could reach out to ECHO; etc.

- f. Suggest we take out reference to “recent events” (ie people leaving the island, etc)
- g. What if we looked at this as a community organizing movement: one that is responsive to the energies and needs of the community and responds with the organization and intention necessary to build that energy into a long-term engagement with this challenge?
  - i. A quote was cited: “I don’t believe in strategic planning, I believe in strategic intent”
- h. What if we centered the needs and resources of those people who would be using this housing, inviting their perspectives and leadership into this process?
- i. Island labor: can we provide the opportunity for volunteer or reduced rates of contractors, but not expect it (note that Habitat expects free or discounted trades participation)
- j. Discussion of the legal work CICA has already done in order to own housing / land, and “the succession plan” that is in place should CICA disband (bylaws, requirements of MH, etc)
- k. Is the concept of “hiring focused on island contractors” outdated, given the shortages here?
- l. Add reference to Town. Add reference to I/I’s work.
- m. Affirmations:
  - i. Appreciation for how ECHO is listening to and honoring the work that the community has done to date and is doing currently
  - ii. The fact of the document and how it illustrates an interest and willingness to collaborate
- n. The question has been asked: what are the current goals of CICA? Refer to mission statement (sustain and build year round community in the Town of Chebeague)
  - i. Habitat; MaineHousing.
  - ii. CICA as resource when people ask questions about x topic
  - iii. And also:
    - 1. music on the island!
    - 2. local food (somewhat dormant at the moment)
  - iv. *Deepening our commitment to work with ECHO and the Town.*
  - v. To continue to work on the emerging community needs (Tablet etc as per Liza)
- o. That we continue to do CICA’s work while at the same time working to build collaboration with ECHO by cross-pollinating teams and engaging in the Housing Consortium conversation.

- 4) Selectboard Proposal Feedback and Advocacy Strategy (20 minutes) – Deferred to over e-mail
- 5) President and Project Team Roles Document (Draft) and Discussion (10 minutes) – Deferred to next meeting
- 6) Selecting a Board Representative to the Island Consortium Group (10 minutes)
  - a. Eliza is willing; by consensus, Eliza and Ben
- 7) Other Business: (5 minutes)
  - a. The Board (sadly) voted to accept the resignation of Emily Short and Dalton Short from the CICA Board
  - b. The Board voted to authorize Bob to proceed with surveys for property, pursuant to successful initial soils analysis; and to proceed with title search on 3 lots if needed.
  - c. Other Items: Bob offered to pursue a low cost / no cost developer of a new CICA website.
  - d. SHR leases are up / due; Ben will convene a sub group to develop a short term recommendation and longer term questions regarding these leases.
- 8) Meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.