**CICA Minutes**

3.14.23 - 7-9pm; Zoom (weather-related reasons)

Present:Ben, Laura, Bob, Kel, Bill, Hank

**Gathering and Check-In (Bill)**

**Updates:**

**Build Team/ Selectboard Update (Bob):** Team met last week; finalized ideas for the structure/sent some design amendments. Got go-ahead from Selectboard to start exploring 4 parcels of town-owned land to see if any are viable for housing (soil testing); could then go ahead of Town Meeting with request. Ben: was there and people seemed in support of the partnership.

**Website and Newsletter (Ben):** New website is up! Looking for photos/bios for our board. Just put up the recording from last month’s Q&A meeting. Going to have a newsletter.

**Outreach Team (Kel):**.

**Current Rental Units (Bob)**: We voted on a rent increase of $100 in 90 days (July 1st) and a rent increase of $100 in 180 days (Oct 1st).

**Appointing New Board Members (Ben):** Looked at bylaws. 4 board members (Emily Short, Dalton Short, Eliza Jane Adams, Sarah Hopkins) have officially resigned since the last public meeting (Feb ‘22). Ben will check in with Laura, Bill, and Hank individually in the next month, to fill the positions of resigned board members. 3 year terms.

**Times for next board meeting (Ben)**: Ben out of town 4/10-end of the month. Suggested 3/28 or 4/4 (would be dinner together). Still working on this date: going to take it

**Celebrating and Debriefing Community Conversation**

**South Road and SHR Build Proposal Approval (Build Team - Bob, Bill, Hank):** South Road - board discussed: adding porch; moving stair unit; removing powder room; remove 2’6” door in downstairs bedroom; possibility for only one bathtub; potentially moving downstairs bathroom and bedroom so that the bedroom has a window.

SHR - board discussed: Cape - same question about if we’d save money with one bathtub & 1 shower, trading the walk-in closet to regular closet, so there is more space in the laundry room; potentially adding a backdoor into the laundry room. Garage & ADU unit - dropping shutters, changing panels; garage - wouldn’t usually provide, but we do need to provide storage space. Provides an example for the community of what ADU units to help the community could be. Discussion of garage - model/proposal came out of feedback from board. If the board votes yes, we then work with Mark Primeau/Genesis to work on our proposal for Maine Housing. Maine Housing would look at this as a solid place holder, but LD203/ other issues may arise or other pivots.

Motion (from Bob); Second (Hank). Discussion: Kel (feels good about this); Ben (shared feedback from abutter); Ben (Maine State Housing timeline). Motion passed: all voted yes.

**The “So What?” (Ben):** Strategic questioning; identity; communication strategy. This is an introduction, to pick up during the next meeting. Ben shared his screen “Talking Points” doc; Board walked through the first section.

**Gratitude and Adjourn:** all of us participated.

**Next Meeting: Either 3/28 or 4/4 (TBD via email) , 7:00-9:00PM - Bob’s house**