

On 12/16/2020, on a motion by George Slama, seconded by Nate Small, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve these minutes.

TOWN OF YARMOUTH
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES for December 2, 2020

YARMOUTH TOWN CLERK

'20DEC23AM9:53 REC

- PRESENT:** Gary Ellis, Christine Marzigliano, Paul Huggins, Nate Small, George Slama, Mary Ann Walsh
- ABSENT:** Thomas Kelley, Elizabeth Hartsgrove
- STAFF:** Dawn-Marie Flett, Program Coordinator; Karen Greene, Director of Community Development
- GUESTS:** Catherine Driscoll, Hands of Hope Director; Adam Gracia, CIVOC Development Director; Joe Taylor, CIVOC Executive Director; Mary Waygan, Affordable Housing Program Coordinator
- LOCATION:** Remote Access

The meeting was held by remote participation pursuant to Massachusetts Governor Charles D. Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. No in-person attendance of members of the public was permitted, but every effort was made to ensure that the public could adequately access the proceedings in real time via technological means. An audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings will be posted on the town's website.

Convene

Chairman Ellis opened the meeting at 3:05 p.m. The instructions for public access to the meeting were read into the record. All votes will be roll call votes.

1. ATM21 Applicant Interviews

1. Veterans Home in Dennis – Cape & Islands Veterans Outreach Center (CIVOC) Development Director Adam Gracia and Executive Director Joe Taylor presented the application for construction of a new transitional, supportive home in Dennis for veterans. Mr. Gracia and Mr. Taylor are both veterans. CIVOC has been on Cape Cod since 1983 and is the only non-profit veterans' service organization on the Cape. Its focus is housing, mental health, and combating food insecurity. Construction has already begun on the project and they hope to be fully functional by July, 2021. Yarmouth has roughly 2,200 of the nearly 20,000 veterans on the Cape and Islands. Although the home is located in Dennis, residents are prioritized by need; 158 veterans living below the poverty line in Yarmouth and would qualify. CIVOC would welcome an opportunity to build in Yarmouth. They have received CPC funds from Wellfleet (\$15,000); nearly \$300,000 in in-kind donations from various sources; and \$350,000 private donations. The current budget gap is \$82,000. Mr. Taylor explained that they want to expand their presence, including more transitional, supportive homes, Cape-wide to as many veterans as possible.