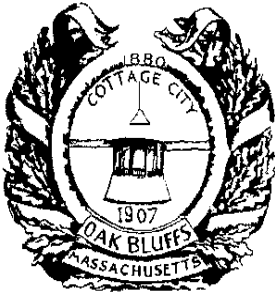


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Regular Meeting, March 5, 2012, 7:00 p.m. CPC/Conservation Office

CPC Present: Joan Hughes, Jevon Rego, Alison Shaw, Jim Westervelt, Amy Billings, Adam Wilson, Abe Seiman

Also Present: Margaret Knight, CPC Admin., taking minutes.

General Business

CPC Funds: Joan presented current financial picture: in the Budgetary Reserve: \$247,414.88; Open Space Reserve: \$79,566; Community Housing Reserve: \$19,488.46 for a total of: \$346,469.34 in Reserves from previous years. This year's money funds are: Surcharge revenue: \$450,000; Interest: \$3,000; State match \$163,328. These may not be the final figures. Adam said even with an accountant it was difficult to get exact figures in the past. He said the surcharge last year was \$428,895, and \$400,905 the year before. Adam said the match this year is 36%; the third round of the state match is based on deed transfers. Joan said with returned money, there should be over \$1,320,000. Joan said Bob is taking care of Pacific Ave. return of funding.

Frye Property: Amy said Mr. Frye had made an offer to Bob Whritenhour for \$350K that Richie had never seen. Parks may lease the property this summer by way of an offer to purchase. She said there was no point in Parks requesting \$200K, that maybe an offer to purchase can be nailed down this summer, and that a real appraisal needs to be done. Joan suggested keeping the request on the warrant as a place holder, but Amy said Richie would rather start fresh next year, and he doesn't want it on the table. There was discussion of the need for a formal letter from Parks to withdrawn request for money. Joan said there won't be money again for the project until July 2013, because the CPC doesn't allow rolling applications (ones made throughout the year). Alison said there may be opposition if the request comes back for \$400K. She asked about landscaping if leased in the summer. Amy said it would be made presentable. Alison was opposed to use by the golf ball seller who used it last summer. A vote was taken based on a forthcoming letter from Parks to withdraw the application. All in favor: 7-0-0.

Rental Assistance: David Vigneault sent a rental assistance snapshot as of Feb. 12 that showed rental assistance for Oak Bluffs at negative (-) \$972. The bills are usually paid monthly, going to Shelley who pays them. Joan said she has asked that bills come to Margaret, and will ask Bob. Joan asked about projects that go over. Alison said they can't go over; Jim said the town has voted only a certain amount. Jevon said this

amount is not showing what is actually in the town coffers, and said he'd like to see town accountant's figures on what's been paid.

Affordable Housing Committee memo: Abe brought in a memo from the Affordable Housing Committee asking the CPC to support projects previously referred to the OBAH Trust. Joan said there was no need for the CPC to sign on these as they have been given to the Trust to fund or not. Jim said there was no need for town meeting approval because the Trust has the money already. Jevon said the Selectmen wanted to put it to TM for transparency.

Letter to Voters: Jevon contacted Sheriff McCormick who didn't respond to request for info about getting prisoners to help with mailing, so **he will follow up**. Joan will speak with Paul the Postmaster about bulk mailing permit. Joan questioned the price of \$.30 a letter. Adam said it's very difficult to get a bulk permit; Town of OB doesn't have one. Joan said CPC will ask \$5K from STM to pay for rest of FY admin expenses. She suggested advertising in just one paper; the Gazette is very expensive. Alison said the Times reaches every island voter. The admin expenses for FY2013 were agreed to be set at \$22,500 for the warrant. **Two changes for TM warrant: 1. Remove Frye property, 2. Change admin expenses to \$22,500.** Alison offered to take pictures for the letter – 4 thumbnail photos for first page. Corrections were made to letter.

Feb. 6, 2012 minutes were accepted as amended; unanimous vote.

Next meeting is on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 7:00p.m. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.