

Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee Meeting

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Date: November 8, 2007

Present: Chairman Ron DiOrio, Harvey Beth, James Westervelt (recorder)

Absent: John Bradford, Ann Margetson

Guests: Kerry Scott, Deborah Ratcliffe

Meeting called to order by Chairman DiOrio at 10:10 am. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Kerry Scott and Town Clerk Deborah Ratcliffe attended the meeting to discuss the status of the Resident Homesite Committee with the Affordable Housing Committee. It was reported that James Rankin has moved off island and he would no longer be a member of the RHC. Kerry and Deborah spoke of the history of the RHC. It is unclear as to who sits on the RHC. A discussion followed concerning the goals and future of the RHC. It was noted that the giving away of town land without future control has now become an unpopular and polarizing concept. The town now intends to keep the sites affordable into the future in order to add to the town's affordable housing inventory. It was decided that Kerry Scott would initiate a meeting of the most recent appointees of the RHC to hear of their thoughts concerning the committee (RHC).

It was agreed that the establishment of an Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Trust Fund should be put on hold and not proposed for the upcoming special town meeting. The annual Town Meeting would be the best venue since special town meetings are looked at with some suspicion.

Minutes of the November 2, 2007 meeting were read and accepted 3-0

Next meeting December 13th, 10 am in the meeting room of the Town Library.

Meeting adjourned 11:35