Oak Bluffs
Affordable Housing Committee

Date: 09.22.09
Time: 2:30 pm
Location: Town Hall Meeting Room

Members present:
Chairman Ron DiOrio, Harvey Beth, John Bradford, James Westervelt(recorder)
Members absent:
Brian Hughes
Other Present: Town Administrator Michael Dutton, Grant Administrator Alice Boyd, K. Boyd, Respresentatives from TRI, Inc. Melissa Vincent, Michael Galasso, John ??
Item: Old Library Conversion Project

Chairman DiOrio opened the meeting and asked representatives of TRI to discuss what they have come up with so far. **Michael Galasso** reported of some changes made to the project to reduce costs. Some of the cost savings would be a result of doing more work within the footprint of the existing building. **Jim Westervelt** asked if any architectural changes would involve the Cottage City Historic District. Their response was no, and that they have a good record with historic districts. **Harvey Beth** questioned the time line for construction. He thought it would not be beneficial to the pharmacy to start business in August or September, as they would lose the best part of the tourist season.
Chairman DiOrio stated that he prefers tile floors over linoleum and Harvey Beth expressed his desire for solid counter surfaces. It was agreed that bids would include quotes for those preferences.
John Bradford and **Jim Westervelt** questioned the terms of the lease with TRI. How many years? The duration of lease would depend on the dollar amount mortgaged. Most likely it would be 15 years. **Jim Westervelt** asked if the Board of Selectmen could enter into a lease like this without a Town Meeting. **Michael Dutton** said he would research this question and get back to the committee. **Alice Boyd** commented that if a town meeting vote was required it would jeopardize the time constraints of the grant.

John Bradford motioned to recommend a lease arrangement between the town and TRI, subject to review by the Affordable Housing Committee. Seconded by Jim Westervelt. Three in favor, 0 opposed, Harvey Beth recused himself, motion passed.

Harvey Beth motioned to transfer $225,000 from the Resident Homesite Committee to the Affordable Housing Committee to defray costs for the Noyes Project. Seconded by John Bradford. 4 in favor motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 3:40 pm

Next meeting to be announced