

# Oak Bluffs

## Affordable Housing Committee

**Date:** 03.05.10

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Location:** Town Hall Meeting Room

**Members present:**

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

**Others Present:**

Town Administrator Michael Dutton, Christine Flynn MVC

**Public Present: 0**

**Chairman Ron DiOrio called the meeting to order and opened up a Public Hearing for the purposes of allowing the public to discuss the proposal of establishing an Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Trust.**

**Having know one from the general public in attendance Chairman DiOrio closed the public hearing at 2:20 pm.**

**Chairman DiOrio** then brought up the topic of membership of the Affordable Housing Committee. Brian Hughes resigned during the winter and we now have a vacancy. It was thought Christine Flynn would be a member of the committee but Christine stated she would have a conflict due to her position at the Martha's Vineyard Commission. **Chairman DiOrio** suggested we members reach out try to generate names of residents to serve on the committee.

**Chairman DiOrio** then outlined a proposal to purchase a parcel of land abutting the Town Library. This purchase would be an asset and opportunity for the town to have two or three affordable housing units there for rent. \$22,700 would be needed to affect a purchase and this would need to be done soon. **Jim** suggested the Affordable Housing Committee request from the Community Preservation Committee a recommendation to advance \$22,700 from the recommended \$100,000. The \$100,000 if passed would not be available until July 1, 2010. A CPC recommendation during our Special Town Meeting for \$22,700 from last years fund would then be available soon after the Special Town meeting.

**Chairman DiOrio** then spoke of a memo from Alice Boyd instructing the committee the need for establishing an affirmative action initiative for the rental units available in the Noyes Building.

**Chairman DiOrio** then updated the committee on the progress of the Noyes construction. **Ron** said the foundation work is nearly complete and soon there will be 8 to10 framers on site. We are on schedule for a July finish date.

**Harvey** suggested we read the proposed draft warrant article for comments or suggestions and email them to the Chairman.

**It was agreed we need to meet again soon to review any comments to the warrant and coordinate a request before the CPC.**

**Meeting adjourned 3:10pm**

**Next meeting to be announced**

