

Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee

Date: 03.07.11

Time: 9:30am

Location: Town Hall Meeting Room

Members present:

Chairman Ron DiOrio, John Bradford, Marie Doubleday, James Westervelt (recorder)

Others Present:

Martha's Vineyard Commission Housing & Development coordinator Christine Flynn

Minutes:

Minutes of 01.03.11 were read and approved.

Old Business:

Chairman DiOrio reported on a conversation with Alice Boyd of Boyd Associates (grant writers). Alice said that with state and federal budget cuts being proposed she doesn't know how the future grant possibilities are.

Chairman DiOrio also reported that the "doughnut hole" title issue is still unresolved according to our town counsel.

OB Affordable Housing Trust Fund:

Chairman DiOrio opened a discussion with the committee and Christine Flynn on the functioning of the trust. He thought the OB Affordable Housing committee would do the "groundwork" for policy and practical matters regarding affordable housing in OB and report to the Trust for their approval. Christine said that Edgartown and West Tisbury have been doing good work with their trusts. Christine also provided the committee with a trust guidebook that is a "how to" help for the committee. Christine also thought that we should keep the Affordable Housing Committee and OB Affordable Housing Trust Fund separate entities. John Bradford said the Trust would be the funding source and the Committee would be the planners.

Christine also reminded the committee that each funding source might have restrictions. OB has bylaw that allows for up to 140% of median income while CPA funding allows for low (80% AMI) and moderate (100% AMI) median income. Jim said he would email the committee a sample "goals and objectives" from Salem MA. Affordable Housing Trust. Chairman DiOrio thanked Christine Flynn for her input and helpful suggestion to the committee.

Bradley Sq. and CPA funds:

Jim reported on the upcoming recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee. The CPC will recommend at the Annual Town Meeting to funding the OB Affordable Housing Trust Fund \$200,000. He said there will possibly be an upcoming CPC meeting where a recommendation to rescind the remaining Bradley Sq. money (approximately \$350,000) and return it the CPC general account. Jim asked the Affordable Housing Committee what they would like to propose. A general discussion followed as to the possibilities of those funds and the possibilities at the Bradley Sq. site. One suggested idea was to identify 3 building lots in town for possible rental housing. Jim said that the OB Affordable Housing Committee was a partner in the original CPC application with the Island Affordable Housing Fund. He said we should notify the CPC that the project is essentially "dead" and that we believe the remaining funds should be earmarked for future Oak Bluffs affordable housing. The committee agreed with that proposal and Chairman DiOrio said he would write to the CPC.

Action:

- Chairman DiOrio compose a letter to the CPC regarding the remaining Bradley Sq. funds
- Jim to email committee members example "goals and objectives" from Salem MA.

Meeting adjourned 10:10 am

Next meeting APRIL 11,2011 @9:30am, Town Hall Meeting Room

