

Oak Bluffs CPC Meeting
09/04/07
Oak Bluffs Library 2nd floor conference room

Members Present: Chairman Stephen Durkee, Joan Hughes, Peter Martell, Alison Shaw, James Westervelt, Charles Rock, Harvey Beth.

Also present: Adam Wilson, Zoning Administrator and Administrative Assistant to the CPC

The meeting began at 10:05

Minutes from the June 19th meeting were approved 7 – 0

Adam handed out two editorials concerning a recent government report on the CPA and distribution of funds. The Committee took the time to read the editorials from the CC Times and Boston.Com.

-Adam gave a report on what the Committee has to work with in funding for next year and what has been spent on projects so far. Revenue projections for fiscal year '09 are expected to be the same (700K).

-Harvey expressed his concerns about who has 30B responsibility in paying the bills. The Members discussed how the bills are presented and if they have the overall sign off responsibility or does Michael, as procurement officer, have the final say. Harvey suggested a written set of procedures to go with the application. He asked if Adam and Michael can devise a form that people can sign off on declaring that if approved for funding, they will follow 30B protocol whenever applicable.

-Stephen said the application form is long and dogged to begin with and this would add to it. Harvey said anyone who has applied for public money knows it is normal that the application process is lengthy.

-Stephen next discussed people involved with approved projects coming back to the Committee to give status reports. Harvey said perhaps written statements on status of projects would be a good first step. Joan said that Hartford Park is a project that looks to be complete, but is it? And what about projects that run over? Charles said applicants should be invited back to give status reports.

Adam stated he would correspond with coordinators of approved projects and ask them to come to the next CPC meeting. He said he would also invite Michael Dutton to come as well.

-Peter talked to the committee about an application from FEMA and a follow up meeting about beach erosion and the effects on the town beaches. He said that Mass Emergency has money put aside (MEMA). The problems are justifying what are monies put aside for emergencies and the then requested for beach replenishment. Grants can be used to fix seawalls and then use sand as a form of protection for the fixed walls. But erosion is ongoing which begs a question of CPA money requested on an ongoing, year after year supplement to fix the beaches.

-Joan talked about engineering plans that need to be done that is complex. She identified different parts of the coastal banks infrastructure that need work and the difficulty in getting all permits in place for project completion. Peter said he understands but the issue is sand and the voters want it. Joan said it's one thing to want sand but it's another thing to design an engineered plan to keep the sand in place.

-Harvey said the Committee can't commit monies beyond town meeting approved projects each year. Charles asked what could CPC involvement be? Peter said the town used to have lots of beach area but money is now needed for replenishment. Joan said engineering for road shoring and retaining wall reconstruction could be CPC funded.

-The application's due date for next year was reconfirmed as being Friday, October 5th at 4 pm. Stephen and Adam discussed getting PSA's into the newspapers. Adam said he would get last years notice updated and then send to Steve for publication in the Gazette. He would also see that it is printed in the Times as well.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.