

Oak Bluffs

Community Development Council

Minutes of 09.03.08

Meeting #78

9:00 am Town Hall Meeting Room

Members in attendance:

Priscilla Sylvia,, Iona Pressley, Nancy Phillips,
Renee Balter, James Westervelt (recorder)

Members absent:

Terry Appenzellar, Alison Shaw, Richard Westcott

Guest:

Ron DiOrio, Joe Allosso, Todd Alexander

Item: Minutes

Minutes of the 08.20.08 meeting were read and accepted.

Item: Vehicle Survey

The Vehicle Survey has gone to Michael Dutton. He will be the "first" to test it for ease of understanding and filing. **Nancy** suggested having miles per gallon estimates for each vehicle. **Iona** asked about writing a town wide policy. **Ron** would like us to recommend a town vehicle policy for BOS review in time to adopt at the Annual Town Meeting. **Renee** suggested we find towns similar to OB that already has vehicle policies for us (CDC) to review. **Jim** reminded everyone of **Terry's** sample policies from Trumbull CT, and Norwood MA.

It was decided that we would all look at small towns on the Cape to see if any town has a vehicle policy. Iona would research Wareham and Mattapoisett; Priscilla will do Falmouth; Renee to Provincetown, Chatham, and Hyannis; Nancy to Barnstable and Nantucket; and Jim Bourne and Sandwich.

Item: Revenue Enhancements

We discussed ideas regarding ways the town could raise revenues other than by raising taxes.

Renee suggested starting something like a "thrift store". **Ron** stated the town could not give out tax deductions like the non-profits that run thrift stores. (**Ron** left the meeting at this time) **Priscilla and Nancy** spoke of an "energy shed" similar to what is being talked about by the MVC Island Plan. We could use the building at the landfill for the storage/selling of used building supplies (recycling).

Joe Allosso sat in at this time. **Nancy** mentioned windmills and possibilities of harnessing the methane gas from the wastewater plant. Joe stated there was not enough methane to make it cost effective. He went on to say how he had applied and was rejected for a "turbine grant". He mentioned the possibility of a co-op with Edgartown on underwater turbines. Joe left our meeting at this time.

Renee talked about the plans and future work on the North Bluff to Farm Pond. It will enhance our gateway to OB. We (CDC) could then reintroduce our previous work on the old town hall building.

Nancy brought up recycling around town as a source of revenue. **Renee** mentioned how she has done that in the past. **Nancy** said she will discuss this with Richie Combra Jr.

Todd Alexander sat in with us then. He agreed with Nancy and Renee about the advantage of having containers for recycling around the harbor. He suggested some possible sites 1. near his office, 2. near the bathhouse at Our Market, 3. near the Island Queen, 4 near Nancy's Snack Bar. Renee said the OBA might help in monitoring the pick ups etc. Todd left the meeting.

Nancy suggested a Farm Stand at Waban Park and also aqua farming (mussels).

Nancy also suggested having every department head be asked to find ways of cutting costs and possible ways for their departments to generate revenue and or apply for grants.

Meeting adjourned 10:40am

Next meeting 09.17.08 @ 9 am

