

Oak Bluffs

Community Development Council

Meeting #81

Minutes of 10.15.08

9:00 am Town Hall Meeting Room

Members in attendance:

Priscilla Sylvia,, Iona Pressley, Nancy Phillips,
Alison Shaw, Terry Appenzellar, Renee Balter, James Westervelt (recorder)

Members absent:

Richard Westcott

Guest:

Ron DiOrio OB Chairman Board of Selectmen

Item: Minutes

Minutes of the 10.01.08 meeting were read and amended and accepted.

Item: Vehicle Survey and Policy

The **committee** reviewed Terry's work on the draft vehicle policy. **Terry** said she would forward a final draft to Michael Dutton, Ron DiOrio and the energy committee for their input. If they have any comments they will forward them to Michael Dutton.

Ron DiOrio mentioned two vehicles owned by the town that are parked off-island. One vehicle was a Crown Victoria sedan and the other a van purchase by the Police Dept. grant. The **committee** questioned the usage of both vehicles. **Nancy** retrieved the "sign out" log for the Crown Victoria off-island car from Alice Butler, BOS secretary. Nancy reported that from 6.07 through 6.08 the vehicle was used 65 times. According to **Ron DiOrio**, Chief Blake has made the van available for non-police use. **Ron DiOrio** will meet with Chief Blake to determine if the van could be sold under the grant purchase agreement.

Item: WIFI

Nancy questioned how and why a wi-fi antenna was affixed to the bandstand in Ocean Park. **Ron DiOrio** said it is temporary and would be taken down. The antenna was placed there as part of the town wide wi-fi program. The town has initiated a cost saving program by implementing a town wide WIFI system. Phase one has been completed. The town is moving in the direction of streamlining jobs by automating some functions. Documents such as applications and permits could be downloaded, completed and filed on line. Once wi-fi is town wide it will save approximately \$125,000 in communication/alarm costs. It now costs the town \$20,000 for the grinder pump alarm system. The town also has antennae at the Harbor Master office, Oak Bluffs Inn, up Circuit Ave, and up New York Ave (two houses beyond the Campground). Renee said the bandstand antenna required permission from the Cottage City Historic District. Ron DiOrio suggested that Renee invite Travis Larsen, IT for the town, to a meeting of the CCHD to discuss the placement of antennae within the historic district. Renee suggested a plan should be presented to CCHD for approval.

Item: Home Business By-Law

Priscilla attended the latest BOS meeting in which a new home business permit was voted upon.

Priscilla suggested all BOS be more consistent in administering the application and approval process. **Priscilla** noted that they had just approved a home business permit with out any restrictions while other less intrusive home businesses have many restrictions imposed. **Renee** agreed to draft a letter from the CDC to the BOS addressing this issue.

A discussion followed on the parking of home-based business vehicles at the town landfill area.

Ron DiOrio said he would arrange a meeting with Richie Combra Jr. to discuss long term/short term parking.

Meeting adjourned 10:15

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