

# Oak Bluffs

## Community Development Council

### **Meeting #82**

**Minutes of 11/05/2008**

**9:00 am Town Hall Meeting Room**

#### **Members in attendance:**

Priscilla Sylvia, Nancy Phillips, Alison Shaw, Terry Appenzellar (recorder), Renee Balter

#### **Members absent:**

Richard Westcott

James Westervelt

#### **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**

**Ron DiOrio** reported that the Selectmen are in receipt of the draft policy and it will be scheduled for discussion at the next Board meeting.

#### **Item: Home Business By-Law**

**Renee** agreed to draft a letter from the CDC to the BOS addressing the need for Selectmen and Departments to take action consistent with the by-law. There is a continuing need for cross cooperation and communication among town departments.

#### **Item: Cost of Services**

It was agreed to continue analysis of town departments, with the next focus on Building, Health and Conservation. There is a great deal of cross coordination in these offices and an expectation that much service is provided to seasonal residents. **Terry** agreed to send Michael Dutton an email requesting 2009 budgets for these 3 departments. Terry also agreed to draft a letter to the Selectmen and the Finance Committee asking for improved cost reporting in budgets to include building and administrative overhead, fuel, insurance (health, auto, liability and property) wastewater. Income also needs to be reported accurately by department (currently income is reported in Selectmen's unclassified budget) in order to "credit" against costs. The discussion at the Board meeting regarding possible differential tax rates for seasonal vs. year round residents highlights the need to accurately report the value of town services received per dollar of tax paid.

A discussion followed on upcoming property opportunities as well as the need for funds for the Town to join the waste district.

**Meeting adjourned 10:30**

**Next Meeting 11.19.08**