

Oak Bluffs

Community Development Council

Meeting #85

Minutes of 12.03.2008

9:00 am Library Meeting Room

Members in attendance:

Nancy Phillips, Alison Shaw, Terry Appenzellar, Renee Balter, James Westervelt(recorder)

Members absent:

Iona Pressley, Richard Westcott, Priscilla Sylvia

Guest(s):

Board of Selectmen Chairman Ron DiOrio

Item: Minutes

Minutes of the 11.25.08 meeting were read and accepted.

Item: Vehicle Policy

Ron DiOrio said Dept Supervisors and the Board of Selectmen have reviewed the Town Vehicle Policy proposed by the CDC. At the most recent BOS meeting it was agreed to have the FinCom and Personnel Committee review the policy. It was stated that more "vetting" was needed. A brief discussion followed with comments by all. Ron is hoping to bring the policy to the BOS for a vote to adopt soon.

Item: Cost of Services

Renee reported on her visit to the building department and her attempt to get some records for our study of COS. She found it very difficult to get a handle on the building permits issued to seasonal vs. year round homeowners. She reported on going through files and only getting from A to F. There are no new home construction permits only those for home improvements and sheds. We need to know the income generated from permits and to allocate the income to seasonal or year round homes.

Ron suggested we meet with Travis to see if computer programs exist that could be used by various departments for reporting data.

Item: Executive Session

Nancy Phillips, Alison Shaw, Terry Appenzellar, Renee Balter and James Westervelt voted in favor of going into executive session for the purpose of discussing a purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. The committee will reconvene after the executive session.

Item: Executive Session

Nancy Phillips, Alison Shaw, Terry Appenzellar, Renee Balter and James Westervelt voted to end executive session and reconvene their regular meeting.

Item :General Discussion

Nancy talked of a Boston Globe article reporting on potential federal grants under the Obama administration. **Ron** further explained the many "white papers" written for the new administration and how projects that are "shovel ready" would be eligible for funding. Funding will be granted if a project is ready to go within 120 days. He reported that Michael Dutton is working on a list of Town Projects that could be "ready to go" or "shovel ready" that would be eligible for this funding.

Terry and Renee will meet next week to see if records from the building department can be used for the COS analysis.

Meeting Adjourned 10:12am

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