

# Oak Bluffs

## Community Development Council

**Meeting #90**

**Minutes of 02.18.2009**

**9:30 am Library Meeting Room**

### **Members in attendance:**

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

### **Members absent:**

Iona Pressley, James Westervelt

### **Item: Minutes**

Minutes of the 02.04.09 meeting were read, corrected and accepted.

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

**Nancy** observed that the Ambulance revolving fund is a little mysterious as to how it operates. **Priscilla** said that there are only certain things that the fund can be used for, and only certain people are authorized to use it. **Nancy** said that there is nearly \$1,000,000 in the fund. **Priscilla** said that there is a state law that governs what it can be used for. **Nancy** observed that here we are in a financial crisis, and yet we have these two big funds (Ambulance and Harbor) just sitting there.

**Nancy** said that the town report should list all sources of revenue to the town. **Priscilla** responded that information is in the town report, and listed by department. The question was raised about income that comes back into the general fund vs. income in revolving funds. **Rich** made the point that even in the case of revolving funds, it's as if money were coming back into the general fund anyway. Take the example of the Police purchasing two new motorcycles out of the Ambulance revolving fund – those could have just as well been purchased out of the general fund.

**Terry** gave a status report on COS: She still needs to do the Tax Collector and Assessor, and the Ambulance needs to be updated.

**Terry** is still grappling with how to differentiate between residential and commercial. It was agreed that **Renee** would research it, and ask each department "of your workload, what % do you think is spent on residential vs. commercial?" The school, for example, would be 100% residential.

**Terry** asked if there is any way to get the budget in advance of town meeting so that there is the opportunity to study it, even if it is not in its final version.

**Meeting Adjourned 10:05am**

**Next meeting 03.04.09, in the Town Hall**