

Oak Bluffs  
Community Development Council

**Meeting #122**

**Minutes of 06.19.10**

**9am-Town Hall Meeting Room**

**Members in attendance:**

Terry Appenzellar, Iona Pressley, Nancy Phillips, Renee Balter, James Westervelt (recorder)

**Also in attendance:** Selectmen Ron DiOrio, Andrea Rodgers

**Minutes:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Item: Old Town Hall/ PD**

**Renee** attended an informational training meeting on the USDA Rural Grant Program on Friday 06.11.10. Renee met with the State Director Jay Healy and Regional Director Tom McGarr. **Renee** said they were most helpful and she suggested we go to the regional office in Wareham for further discussions. In the training session topics included:

- Essential community services
- Jobs creation
- Grants and loan guarantees
- Energy efficiency
- Political endorsements helpful (state and local representatives)

**Renee** said that the YMCA, IAHF, Lagoon Pond residents, Michael Dutton OB Administrator, and others attended this session.

**Terry** suggested two RFPs, one for the old town hall site and one for a new PD site and building. **Jim** suggested one RFP for the PD move should be first. Once the old town hall land was cleared private development might be attracted to the site. **Terry** said we should be prepared with RFPs for both sites. **Terry** thought tax revenues were much needed and waiting would not be productive.

**All** agreed that if a planning grant was awarded we should move on both.

**Terry** said she would contact Alice Boyd to reschedule a meeting. **Terry** will also resend an email to council members for feedback on the USDA Rural Grant options and priorities.

At this time **Renee** introduced Andrea Rodgers of the Artisans of Martha's Vineyard to the council. She was asked to explain the history of the Artisans and their working relationship with the Trustees of the Ag Hall. She explained that they paid a "reasonable" rent for their space. They operate on Thursdays and

Sundays seasonally. Andrea's opinion was that up-islanders were not traveling down-island so our demographics would be different. She thought our site would be possible for artists with the caveat "reasonable" rent. After more general questions Andrea was thanked for attending our meeting and she left.

**Item: Non-Profits**

Nothing was discussed. **Priscilla** was to invite Diane Wilson assessor to our July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Item: Miscellaneous**

**Ron DiOrio** mentioned the new open meeting law and the need for all committees to post agendas. **Ron** said the BOS are still in discussions on how to proceed with the postings.

**New Business**

**Item: BOS Goals for 2010**

Ron told the council that Michael Dutton would let us know of the goals set forth by the Board of Selectmen. He will assign committees and boards to work on them.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned 10:21

**Next meeting 07.07.10 9am**

Town Hall meeting room