

Oak Bluffs  
Community Development Council

**Meeting #124**

**Minutes of 07.21.10**

**9am-Town Hall Meeting Room**

**Members in attendance:**

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

**Also in attendance:**

BOS Ron DiOrio

**Minutes:** Minutes of 07.07 were read and accepted.

**Item: Miscellaneous-Downtown Parking**

**Alison** spoke of the loading zone time limits on Kennebec Ave. A brief discussion followed. Ron DiOrio said he would speak with Richie Combra Jr. about the signs.

**Item: OLD TOWN HALL-Planning Grant draft**

**Everyone complimented Terry on her work on the draft.** **Renee** questioned whether we should go to the regional office in Wareham. **Terry** said we should to address the application first. Ron suggested contacting Mark Forest Chief of Staff for REP Delehunt. Ron said he would be most helpful with the grant application. His phone numbers are 508-771-0666 and in DC 202-225-3111. **Terry and Nancy** will meet to work on the application and determine the deadline.

**Item: Non-Profits**

**Jim** mentioned the two formulas provided by Diane Wilson that are used by two non-profits in town for payment in lieu of taxes. One called for a payment of half the assessed value + and the other called for a payment of ten percent of the assessed value. **Alison** questioned how any of these formulas could be used for tax-exempt organizations. **Terry** thought there should be a town policy that would treat all non-profits the same. **Ron** suggested one formula decided upon and then sent to all non-profits. A discussion followed and it was thought that after receiving a letter from the town with a formula for payment in lieu of taxes a non-profit could, ignore it and do nothing, make a payment, or negotiate with the town to come up with a mutually satisfactory figure.

**Item: Miscellaneous-Loitering**

**Ron** raised his concerns surrounding the fishing pier proposed for the North Bluff. **Ron** mentioned the responsibility Oak Bluffs would have for an Island wide facility. Policing and maintenance were his main concern. **Jim** said we presently have a loitering problem around the harbor, the Kennebec rest rooms and the harbor bathhouse. **Jim** said this pier would be another magnet for loiterers especially as it is hoped to be open for fishing 24 hours a day. This brought the members to discuss the towns' problem with chronic loiterers even in the off-season. **Ron**

said that Todd Alexander is very concerned over the loss of revenue at the harbor due to this issue. **Ron** said that the most knowledgeable people dealing with problem now is Todd Alexander Harbor Master, LT. Tim Williamson PD, and Richie Combra Jr. **Jim** suggested a meeting with them to get their combined thoughts on this problem. **Ron** said he would contact them to see if a meeting could be arranged.

**The CDC members will see how other communities are dealing with loitering and or vagrancy.**

Meeting was adjourned 10:20

Documents:

Two formulas on payment in lieu of taxes for non-profits

**Next meeting #125 on 08.04.10 @ 9am**

Town Hall meeting room