

Oak Bluffs Community Development Council

Meeting #126

Minutes of 08.18.10

9am-Town Hall Meeting Room

Members in attendance:

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

Also in attendance:

Selectman Ron DiOrio, OB Town Administrator Michael Dutton

Minutes: Minutes of 08.04.10 were read and accepted.

Item: Loitering

Ron briefed the CDC members of his meeting with Todd Alexander-Harbor Master, Lt. Tim Williamson-PD, and Richie Combra Jr.-Highway Superintendent. They discussed how the loitering of individuals around the harbor is creating problems for the marina. They also discussed how loiterers are damaging the bathhouse and the public restroom on Kennebec Ave. Ron said that Richie Combra Jr. would like to close the Kennebec restrooms for the winter. More discussions are needed on this topic.

Item: OLD TOWN HALL-Planning Grant draft

Terry discussed the email from Anne Correia of the Rural Development Grant Program commenting on the narrative sent to her describing our project. The response stated that our proposed request would be too large and not likely to be granted. A smaller request for specific planning (one project) would be more acceptable and likely to garner \$50,000 for planning. It was agreed we should seek more professional help in the grant search. Terry will email her narrative to Alice Boyd of Boyd Associates.

Item: BOS priority list

Michael Dutton briefly discussed the emergency beach closings due to high level of bacteria. Renee said she would like to see the CDC help the Planning Board commence updating the town's Master Plan. Renee said the CDC could help in data collection, interviews, and hearings. Michael Dutton said money was taken out of the budget for the Master Plan at the annual town meeting. A discussion followed on pros and cons about having a professional planner working with the Planning Board. Ron said that a seasonal resident and profession planner Aaron Napersak is willing to work pro bono. Jim mentioned his research on smaller communities like OB and how they did their Master Plans. Jim found a summer resort town similar to OB that has recently completed their master plan. He will email the plan and a link to the CDC members. Michael Dutton said he uses the present Master Plan and Open Space plan frequently.

Michael Dutton then asked the CDC to look into

- Auto, Moped, Bicycle rental licensing, we need a comprehensive ByLaw/regulation/policy
- Alcohol, Entertainment/Noise a need exists to clarify the By-Law/policy

Meeting was adjourned 10:25am

Next meeting #127 on 09.01.10 @ 9am

Town Hall meeting room

