

Oak Bluffs
Community Development Council

Meeting #135

Minutes of 01.05.11

9am-Town Hall Meeting Room

Members in attendance:

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

Also in attendance: FinCom Chairman Bill McGrath

Minutes: Minutes of 12.1510 were read and approved 5 in favor 1 abstained

Item: Fiscal Ad Hoc Task Force

The committee members discussed the possible make up of an ad hoc finance committee. Bob Huss, Brian Hughes, Jack Law, Ron Mechur, Mimi Davisson, and Mike Perry were named as good candidates. It was reported that some individuals declined or would be off island for much of the time this committee would be meeting. It was agreed that Bob Huss, Brian Hughes, Steve Auerbach, and Jack Law would be good candidates to recommend to the BOS. Bill McGrath said he could not sit on the ad hoc committee (due to his work schedule) but would attend whenever he could and would like to be kept in the loop. Bill McGrath also thought Michael Dutton is overwhelmed with work and might not have the time for the committee. Terry and Priscilla thought Michael should be on the committee and his input was greatly needed. The rest of the committee agreed that Michael should be on and pointed out the that Nantucket's Ad Hoc Committee, which we are basing ours on included Nantucket's finance administrator, and Town Manager.

Renee began reviewing Terry's letter aloud for the committee. Bill McGrath thought that the timing was "deadly", meaning that trying to do this during the budget process leading up to Town Meeting would be disruptive. Both Terry and Priscilla said that this would be working sessions and fact gathering and not disruptive. Jim and Priscilla questioned how detailed we would get in going over individual budgets. The fear was in micro managing and not looking at what were essential services and what were not. Terry and Nancy explained the need to examine the budgets in order to understand where and how the departments actually function.

It was agreed to change the dates set in the letter to the BOS. Terry will make the changes in the letter from beginning in Jan to beginning in Feb. and concluding in May to concluding in June. Terry will send the letter immediately.

Priscilla asked what documents would we need to start? Terry said budgets and revenue reports for fiscal 2010 and 2011.

Meeting was adjourned 5:10pm

Next meeting #136 on 01.19.11 @ 9am

Town Hall meeting room

