

Oak Bluffs
Community Development Council

Meeting #138

Minutes of 02.16.11

9am-Town Hall Meeting Room

Members in attendance:

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

Also in attendance: Board of Selectmen Ron DiOrio and Gail Barmakian, Michael Achille, Bob Huss, Brian Hughes, Harvey Beth, Fred Hancock, Christine Flynn

Item: ad hoc Fiscal Task Force

Renee informed those present that the BOS has not yet formally established the task force. Renee said we are the “un-official” task force and that hopefully we will be on the BOS meeting agenda. The BOS has been working mostly on the budget and upcoming town meeting. Renee reviewed for all the task forces’ goals and objectives. Renee brought all those present up to date with our previous discussions including two revenue proposals from Peter Martell.

Terry said we would not conflict with the FinCom work on the budget and annual Town Meeting. Fact gathering and organizing will take up most of our time until after Town Meeting. Complete financial reports, budgets and CDC’s Cost of Services report are needed. Harvey suggested we let the public know we are doing, we should be all inclusive and we are not duplicating work previously done. Fred asked if the BOS could let the public know its intentions of setting up the task force and its work.

Renee will ask the BOS chairman to make an announcement at the upcoming town meeting. Harvey and Alison emphasized keeping the public informed of our work. Renee suggested public hearings after each major category is examined. It was decided that Terry will be the contact person for information to the public and she will set up an email account for that purpose. Jim will contact Travis so meetings, minutes, and any other information can be put on the town’s web site.

Renee nominated Terry to be the Chairman of the task force, Nancy seconded. Vote – all in favor.

Terry asked if the task force would make recommendations by consensus. Jim suggested following Nantucket’s task force policy of deciding recommendations by majority vote. Gail asked if meetings could be held in the evening so people that are at work during the day can participate. Meetings are scheduled for first and third Wednesdays of each month at 9am. Public hearings could be scheduled in the evening. Our meetings, public hearings and email account will allow for public comment.

What are “essential services” was discussed. Fred said we should know what federal and state law and town labor contracts mandate. Harvey said the MMA could provide that information. Jim said criteria for what are “essential services” need to be established before any talk of specific town departments. Terry suggested we all use “essential services” vs. the personnel chart.

Christine Flynn will email all the MVC Regionalization Services Study.

Brian asked if we have looked at non-profits. Terry said the CDC has reviewed the town PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) and list of non-profits. Ron said the town is at a high level of hosting the island’s non-profits and that 10% of its land is owned by non-profit

Action:

Terry set up email account.

Renee get task force approval and appointments on the BOS agenda for 02.08.11. Ask Michael Dutton of all financial federal and state mandates and town labor obligations.

Jim see Travis about getting task force minutes on the town web site, email all the Regionalization Report to the BOS (excluding PD), email all a list of extended time off island or unavailable for meeting and the CDC’s Cost of Services report.

Upcoming task force meetings 03.09.11, 03.23.11, after that every first and third Wednesday of each month.

Minutes: Minutes of 02.09.11 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned 10:32am

Documents: Peter Martell’s proposal

**Next meeting: #139 (of CDC) and 1st meeting of the task force on 03.09.11 @ 9am
Town Hall meeting room**

