

Block Island Housing Board
August 9, 2012
Town Hall, Old Town Road
7:00 p.m.

Present: Cindy Pappas, John Spier, Millie McGinnes, Kay McManus and Patty Murphy arrived at 7:15 p.m. Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes and Stephanie Turag was there to represent the Block Island Times.

Not present: Debbie Howarth, Fraser Lang

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of minutes, open and closed, from July 11, 2012

Minutes, open and closed, were approved as written in a motion by John Spier and seconded by Millie McGinnes.

Ayes 4(Pappas, Spier, McGinnes, McManus) Nays 0 Absent:3(Howarth, Lang, Murphy)

Public Input - The letter from Aaron Briggs Manor Apartments with a housing opportunity was circulated. (See attached)

Financial Statements, Tax Collection Update

Financial statements were approved in a motion by Kay McManus and seconded by John Spier.

Ayes 4(Pappas, Spier, McGinnes, McManus) Nays 0 Absent:3(Howarth, Lang, Murphy)

Clerk reported that \$101,787.88 had been collected to date.
There were no bills to report on.

Budget – Tabled until Debbie Howarth is at a meeting.

Jacke Property Outstanding Issues

Cindy Pappas reported that she had tried to contact Joe Sprague and had contacted Bain Transue to elicit ideas about how to solve the problem of road runoff. There was a discussion about tackling the problem in the fall with seeding and roadwork. Cindy will continue to try to contact Joe. She mentioned that the propane tanks still have not been moved.

Brown/Smith Discussion; discuss and act on bids for property survey. John Spier recused himself from this discussion. Patty Murphy arrived at this time.

There was a clarification of two of the bids that was discussed. After calling one of the bidders for a further clarification a motion was made by Millie McGinnes and seconded by Patty Murphy to accept the bid from Hilbern Land Surveying which included topographicals for \$4,000.

Ayes 4(Pappas, McGinnes, McManus, Murphy) Nays 0 Absent 2(Howarth, Lang)
Recusal 1(Spier)

Monitoring agent – tabled at this time.

Discussion of possible candidates for November election

Names mentioned were Patrick Evans, Jon Bates, Danielle Bates, Jack Savoie.

Discuss proposed zoning changes. Develop and advisory position to be sent to the Planning Board.

After much discussion, the attached memo was developed by Ms. McGinnes to be sent to the Planning board.

Discuss easements and restrictions on affordable housing projects past and future.

Using the chart that Ms. McGinnes made up (attached) there was a discussion about restrictions on affordable housing developments. This is a work in progress for next month. The Housing Board will develop a set of guidelines and then give it to BIED for review.

The need for affidavits for the Jacke property houses on December 31, 2012 was discussed.

At 8:45 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. McGinnes and seconded by Ms. Murphy to enter closed session pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(5), acquisition of property and voted unanimously.

At 8:50 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Spier to return to open session, mention that no votes were taken in closed session and to seal the minutes at this time and voted unanimously.

At 8:50 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted:

Bonny Ryan