

Block Island Housing Board
Wednesday, August 6, 2014
Town Hall, Old Town Road
5:00 p.m.

Present: Housing Board members: Patty Murphy, Cindy Pappas, Shane Howrigan, Rosemary Tobin, John Spier, Kay McManus, Millie McGinnes. Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

Also present were abutters to the Brown/Smith property: Mr. and Mrs. Mark Petti, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Simon, Virginia Dare, Mr. R. Bozzola. Doug Michel, former member of the Block Island Housing Board; and Lily O’Gara from the Block Island Times were also present.

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson: Cindy Pappas

1. Public Input/Correspondence – None

2. Approval of minutes, open and closed from July 9, 2014

Patty Murphy moved to approve the open and closed minutes from July 9, 2014, seconded by Millie McGinnes.

Ayes 7 (Murphy, Pappas, Howrigan, Robin, Spier, McManus, McGinnes) Nays 0

3. Discuss and act on financial reports. (Attached)

There was a discussion about moving money out of checking and into a CD. Clerk will ask the Finance Director about the options for this.

Patty Murphy moved to put ½ of what is in the checking account (app. \$70,000) into a CD, seconded by John Spier.

Ayes 7 (Murphy, Pappas, Howrigan, Robin, Spier, McManus, McGinnes) Nays 0

Patty Murphy moved to accept the financial reports, seconded by John Spier.

Ayes 7 (Murphy, Pappas, Howrigan, Robin, Spier, McManus, McGinnes) Nays 0

Tax collection update: Clerk reported that \$115,082.50 had been collected to date. There were no bills this month.

4. Brown/Smith discussion and action on revised site plan and design.

Cindy Pappas and Kay McManus did a site visit with the abutters.

Abutters comments:

- Mark Petti – it is difficult to tell how close the houses are to the road and how close the road is to the existing road. Abutters should be on the site plan with wells and septic systems identified.
- Beth Simon – concerned about privacy, noise and traffic.
- Mr. Bozzola – concerned about his own well and depleting the aquifer.
- Virginia Dare – concerned about light pollution, sound pollution asking if the houses could be nestled better on the site.

- Joel Simon – concerned about storage, basements?
- Mr. Bozzola – concerned about open space issues; indigenous plants, and view from the road.

John Spier attempted to explain the reasoning behind the site plan and he addressed some of their concerns. Cindy Pappas thanked the abutters for their input and expressed the need to brainstorm a new plan taking into consideration their concerns. An aerial map with abutter's properties and placement of their wells and septic systems will be obtained.

The Block Island Housing Board will hold a work session on August 13, 2014 to revisit the site plan for Plat 14 Lot 55 at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Reevaluation of the house plans will take place after the site plan is determined.

With no further business to discuss and no business for closed session at 6:50 John Spier moved to adjourn seconded by Patty Murphy and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 9/3/2014

Bonny Ryan