

Block Island Housing Board  
Wednesday, October 1, 2014  
Town Hall, Old Town Road  
5:00 p.m.

Present: Board Members, Cindy Pappas, John Spier, Kay McManus, Millie McGinnes, Patty Murphy, Rosemary Tobin.

Also present were Town Planner, Jane Weidman, Gloria Redlich of the Block Island Times, abutters to the Brown Smith property, Bob Rule and Mark Petti and Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

Not present: Shane Howrigan

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

1. Public Input/Correspondence – this was deferred until the Brown/Smith discussion.

2. Discussion with Jane Weidman re: Comprehensive Plan

There was a discussion about updates that Jane was making to the Comp. plan.

Data will be furnished to her by the clerk and others. She will produce a draft for the Board who will hold a meeting on October 8, 2014 at 6:00 to discuss those updates and anyone can attend the Planning Board meeting that follows at 7:00.

3. Approval of minutes, open and closed, from September 3, 2014.

Patty Murphy moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Millie McGinnes.

Ayes 6(Pappas, Spier, McManus, McGinnes, Murphy, Tobin) Nays 0 Absent 1(Howrigan)

4. Discussion and action on financial reports

Patty Murphy moved to accept the financial reports, seconded by Kay McManus.

Ayes 6(Pappas, Spier, McManus, McGinnes, Murphy, Tobin) Nays 0 Absent 1(Howrigan)

Clerk reported that the 2014 tax collection letter is ready to send to the printer.

John Spier spoke to Dave Hilbern about his bill. Mr. Hilbern will be sending an itemized bill.

5. Discussion and action on Annual Report

John Spier had some grammatical changes for the report.

Patty Murphy moved to approve the Annual Report with the edits from John Spier seconded by Millie McGinnes.

Ayes 6(Pappas, Spier, McManus, McGinnes, Murphy, Tobin) Nays 0 Absent 1(Howrigan)

6. Brown/Smith discussion and action on site plan and design issues.

A letter of support and suggestion from Arnold Licht was read. (Attached)

Kay McManus presented a map that grew out of last month's discussion with the road in the center of the property. Next step would be to go back to pre-app. John Spier and Kay McManus will try to get a digital copy of map from Dave Hilbern so they can work on it. Cindy will talk to Jenn Brady Brown about getting on the Planning agenda for November.

John Spier circulated a draft of an RFP for engineering. He asked that everyone look it over and see if anything else needed to be added to it. Bill Landry, the Board's legal representative will be contacted by Cindy Pappas just to bring him up to speed on where we are in the process.

Design of the Brown/Smith Houses

There was a discussion about goals and directions for Architect Karpowicz. There will be an interim meeting of the Housing Board to discuss design on October 22, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

With no further business to discuss at 6:55 p.m. Patty Murphy moved to adjourn seconded by Rosemary Tobin and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 11/5/2014

Bonny Ryan