

Block Island Housing Board
Wednesday, September 3, 2014
Town Hall, Old Town Road
5:00 p.m.

Present: Board members: Rosemary Tobin, Millie McGinnes, Kay McManus, Cindy Pappas, Shane Howrigan and Patty Murphy. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Bozzola; abutters to the Brown Smith property and Gloria Redlich from the Block Island Times. Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

Not Present: John Spier

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 by Chair Cindy Pappas

1. Public Input/Correspondence

- Ms. Pappas read correspondence from Joel and Beth Simon, abutters to Brown Smith.
- A letter was received from Cathy D'Ignazio about incorporating passive house standards on the Brown Smith property.

2. Approval of minutes open and closed from August 6, and open from August 13, 2014.

Ms. McGinnes moved to approve minutes open and closed from August 6 and open from August 13, 2014 as written, seconded by Rosemary Tobin.

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

3. Discuss and act on financial reports, tax collection update, payment of bills.

Patty Murphy moved to accept the financial reports, seconded by Rosemary Tobin

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

Clerk reported that there was no change to the final amount collected in taxes of \$115,082.50 Dave Hilbern's bill for \$735.00 was discussed. It was suggested that John Spier contact Mr. Hilbern about breaking down this bill and reporting back to the Board about paying it.

4. Annual Report

Millie McGinnes has agreed to do the annual report. She will have a draft for next meeting.

5. Revise tax collection letter for 2014-2015

Shane Howrigan will revise the letter.

6. Brown Smith discussion and action on revised site plan and design.

Kay McManus and John Spier worked on two additional plans as directed from the previous month's meeting.

Ms. McManus submitted:

Plan A: The original plan with the road at the top of the property. This plan was approved at the pre-app level.

Plan B: Plan with road on the bottom of the property abutting the McCabe property.

Plan C: Plan with the road bisecting the property.

Pros and cons of each plan were addressed by each member.

It was agreed that Plan C, with the road bisecting the property and tweaking of the house placements was the one to go with. Kay McManus will contact John Spier to get a new blank map and redraw the road and house placements on it.

Cindy Pappas gave a quick overview of design issues.

- basement vs. slab
- ranch vs. two story
- storage issues
- roof grades
- decks

Board members were asked to come prepared with ideas for the next meeting.

Next meeting October 1, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. Ms. McGinnes moved to enter closed session, seconded by Shane Howrigan pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(5), acquisition of property.

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

At 6:40 p.m. Ms. McGinnes moved to return to open session, seal the minutes, and mention that no votes were taken in closed session and adjourn. This was seconded by Rosemary Tobin.

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

Minutes submitted: 10/1/2014

Bonny Ryan