

Block Island Housing Board
Wednesday, April 15, 2015
Town Hall, Old Town Road
5:30 p.m.

Present: Board members: Rosemary Tobin, Cindy Pappas, Millie McGinnes, John Spier, Kay McManus. Also present were Councilor Mark Emmanuelle, Zoe Estrin-Grele from the Block Island Times and Clerk Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

Not Present: Patty Murphy, Shane Howrigan

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Cindy Pappas

1. Public Input:

Mr. Emmanuelle asked the Housing Board to attend a joint meeting with the Council and possibly BIED to discuss issues of enforcement, stewardship etc. of all projects. No date and time were set yet.

2. Discuss and action on possible properties for housing opportunities.

At 5:40 p.m. Cindy Pappas moved to enter closed session, seconded by Millie McGinnes pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(5) disposition of property.

Ayes 5(Tobin, Pappas, McGinnes, Spier, McManus) Nays 0 Absent 2(Murphy, Howrigan)

At 6:00 p.m. Cindy Pappas moved to return to open session, seal the minutes and report that there was one vote taken in closed session, voted unanimously. Ms. McGinnes seconded.

Ayes 5(Tobin, Pappas, McGinnes, Spier, McManus) Nays 0 Absent 2(Murphy, Howrigan)

3. Approval of minutes, March 18, 2015

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Kay McManus , seconded by Ms. McGinnes.

Ayes 5(Tobin, Pappas, McGinnes, Spier, McManus) Nays 0 Absent 2(Murphy, Howrigan)

4. Discuss and action on Financial Reports, tax collection update, budget.

Clerk reported on \$99,374.61 in tax collections.

Financial reports were approved in a motion by John Spier, seconded by Millie McGinnes.

Ayes 5(Tobin, Pappas, McGinnes, Spier, McManus) Nays 0 Absent 2(Murphy, Howrigan)

Budget figures were plugged in to a previous budget and will be presented to Finance after filling in some missing numbers.

5. Update on Martha's Vineyard Trip.

John Spier who attended spoke about the following:

- Co-housing – land lease, as opposed to deeds.
- Project one details – see attached
- Project two details – see attached

The Housing Board thought it would be worthwhile another trip could be scheduled so that more board members could go and if this group could come here to address the board. John will send them an email.

5. Brown Smith discussion and action on:

- Site plan and design issues: - There was nothing to report from Architect Karpowicz.
- Discussion and action on RFP – John Spier will combine his version with John Geremia’s version and will come up with an RFP for the next.
- Millie McGinnes wrote a letter to the Town Council on behalf of the Housing Board asking that the Council petition the legislature to provide New Shoreham a definition of affordable housing income eligibility with adjusted gross income at less than 140%. (see attached.)
- John Spier will write a letter to the Town Council requesting a change to BIPCo’s net metering policy to allow for larger systems.

With no further business to address, at 7:30 p.m. Ms McGinnes moved to adjourn seconded by Ms. McManus and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

Bonny L. Ryan