

Block Island Housing Board
Wednesday, February 17, 2016
Town Hall, Old Town Road
5:00 p.m.

Present: Board Members: Chair Cindy Pappas, John Spier, Kay McManus, Shane Howrigan, Millie McGinnes. Also present Clerk Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

Not Present: Rosemary Tobin, Patty Murphy.

1. Correspondence/Public Input – Cindy’s response to the Town Council for information about what the board was working on and what its goals for the next six months was discussed and approved to forward to the Council. (Letter attached)

2. Approval of minutes, open and closed from January 20, 2016

Millie McGinnes moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Kay McManus.

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

3. Discuss and act on Financial Statements:

John Spier moved to approve the financial statements seconded by Millie McGinnes)

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

Money had been moved out of the CD for an expected purchase which has been delayed so it was agreed to put the money back into the CD and keep \$50,000 out for cash on hand.

Clerk reported \$76,429.70 in tax collection payments.

4. Discuss and act on payment of all bills:

- Kay McManus moved to approve Cherenzia and Assoc. bill for \$2,600, seconded by Millie McGinnes.
Ayes 5(Pappas, Spier, McManus, Howrigan, McGinnes) Nays 0 Absent 2(Tobin, Murphy)
- Kay McManus moved to approve Nancy Cole’s bill for \$17.10 seconded by Millie McGinnes.
Ayes 5(Pappas, Spier, McManus, Howrigan, McGinnes) Nays 0 Absent 2(Tobin, Murphy)
- John Spier moved to approve Blish and Cavanaugh’s bill for \$52.00 seconded by Kay McManus.
Ayes 5(Pappas, Spier, McManus, Howrigan, McGinnes) Nays 0 Absent 2(Tobin, Murphy)
- Millie McGinnes moved to approve the DEM bill for \$500 seconded by John Spier
Ayes 5(Pappas, Spier, McManus, Howrigan, McGinnes) Nays 0 Absent 2(Tobin, Murphy)

5. Discussion and action of the Brown/Smith property.

- Septic systems and wells – Shared wells were discussed and the mechanism for paying for the electricity for those wells with no action. Trim’s Ridge and Crescent Beach Cottages will be looked at to see how they do it. After DEM approves the septic plan it will be time to go back to the Planning Board.
- Design Issues – No feedback was reported from the architect on the affordability of the designs. Shane Howrigan will contact Heidi Tarbox about grants for solar projects. Cindy will contact RI Housing to let them know what the Housing Board is doing. The Roosa Foundation will be contacted also. For the next meeting there will be a discussion about the covenants and restrictions for the project.

At 5:46 John Spier moved to go into closed session seconded by Millie McGinnes and pursuant to RIGL§42-26-5(a)(5) acquisition of property and voted unanimously.

At 5:49 Millie McGinnes moved to return to open session, seal the minutes and mention no votes were taken in closed session, seconded by Kay McManus and voted unanimously.

At 5:50 Millie McGinnes moved to adjourn seconded by Kay McManus and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted: 4/20/2016

Bonny Ryan