

Blairhaven Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 15, 2011

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The Blairhaven Committee held a meeting in the Mural Room, Lower Level of the Town Hall on Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

**Members Present:** Sam Butcher, Red Fawcett, Michael Gill, Joe Grady, Tony Kelso, Pat Loring, Holly Morris, Betsy Sullivan (Chair), Don Beers (ex officio), and Peter Buttkus (ex officio).

**Absent:** Michael Barbour, John Brawley, Joe Jannetty, and Gordon Cushing (ex officio).

Ms. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

#### **LEGAL OPINION – TOWN COUNSEL**

The Committee discussed a memo dated 6/7/2011 from Town Counsel regarding the use of the property and use of the existing structures and Community Preservation Act funds. Town Counsel was not present for the discussion. The memo was in response to the Committee's inquiry as to whether Community Preservation Act funds can be used to rehabilitate the existing cottage structure as public meeting area and office and file storage for the Harbormaster's Department. Town Counsel indicated the vote of Town Meeting authorized the use to be for recreational purposes.

#### **DISCUSSION OF EXISTING PROPERTY STRUCTURES**

Mr. Buttkus reported the cost estimates for demolition from a third contractor (Fred Nava): \$12,650 (cottage); \$17,900 (dormitory); \$6,450 (garage) for a total of \$37,000.

Mr. Gill read an email dated 6/14/2011 from Mr. Jannetty since he was unable to be at the meeting. The email expressed Mr. Jannetty's opinion for razing the cottage. Mr. Gill gave economic reasons for razing the structure.

Mr. Gill made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Grady.

**Motion:** to recommend that the cottage (identified on the site plan as existing dwelling #2) be razed, as a result of the legal opinion from Town Counsel.

**Vote:** 8 – in favor; 0 – opposed. Motion approved.

(Note: The audience also unanimously voted in favor of the motion)

#### **DISCUSSION ON PARKING**

The Committee discussed where to designate an area for parking. The discussion also included designating a place for dinghy and small boat storage. Ms. Loring noted that areas for parking and boat storage should be defined on the site plan referenced in the conservation restriction. Mr. Fawcett commented

that presently there appears to be abandoned dinghies at the end of Howland's Landing. To help alleviate the problem of abandoned boats, the Committee suggested as a recommendation for the rules and regulations is to require that all dinghies display a permit sticker identifying the owner. The Committee discussed possible location and size for a parking area. One suggestion was to consider a 'parking envelope' in excess of the number of parking spaces that would be built today, for future use. Discussion on parking was continued to the next meeting to allow members to visit the site.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

The Committee discussed presenting an interim report to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) at the next BOS meeting.

Items for the next Blairhaven Committee agenda include naming of site; correspondence from abutter; and continued discussion on parking, rules and regulations.

At 9:10 a.m, Mr. Fawcett made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Butcher.

Motion: to adjoin the meeting.

Vote: 8 – in favor; 0 – opposed. Motion passed.

#### List of Documents:

- Email from Joe Jannetty dated 6/14/2011
- Memo from Town Counsel dated 6/7/2011
- Letter from Eli Solomon dated 6/14/2011