

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

January 14, 2010

100 Darling Ave
TOWN OF ORLEANS
TOWN CLERKS OFFICE
10 FEB 11 PM 1:19

Present: Judy Hunt, Freddy Fitzgerald, Jane Hinckley,

Absent: Paul O'Connor, Sue Sasso

Others Present: George Meservey, Margie Fulcher, Selectwoman

The meeting was called to order by Freddy at 1pm.

Speaker: Paul Ruchinskas

Paul is the Affordable Housing Specialist at the Cape Cod Commission. He spoke of the formation of the Affordable Housing Committee in 1992 and discussed how the funds from the Federal Govt. were disbursed and allocated to the towns. Barnstable takes the lead for the towns and there is a 17 member council which oversees the distribution. Freddy is our representative.

There was a discussion concerning the financing of condos which is very difficult now in this market. It is easier to finance if it is an existing condo development. It was clarified that George's office is the coordinator of all the Affordable Housing units in town. We have the money to purchase three condo units when the right ones come up for sale.

The 6A property has been delayed because of a dispute over a driveway easement .

George mentioned the fact that the elderly population wait list for housing has exploded.

Paul was thanked for his excellent presentation.

A motion was made by Freddy and seconded by Jane to accept the minutes with corrections. Approved 3-0-0.

The RFP that George had made up was discussed. While we intend to get an administrator on board, we will not move ahead until we know more about the mortgage situation. Our committee, with the help of George Meservey and Tim Buehler , will review the applications The aim will be to have an April 1st appointment.

A motion was made by Jane and seconded by Judy to have George go ahead and present the RFP to Town Council . Approved ~~5~~³-0-0

A motion was made by Judy and seconded by Jane to close the meeting at 2pm.

The next meeting will be February 11, the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Sincerely, Judith Hunt , Secretary

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