Orleans Affordable Housing Committee Meeting June 6, 2012 1:00

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Minutes:

In attendance: Susan Meyers, Jane Hinckley, Freddie Fitzgerald, Sue Sasso George Meservey

• April meeting minutes were reviewed; one change required -

- April meeting minutes were approved 4-0 with one abstention (Sue Sasso was not at the April meeting)
- With this change, April meeting minutes were approved.
- Leedara Zola was guest speaker. Leedara is managing both the Hinckley Project application process as well as the Habitat Namskaket approval process.
  - o Hinckley:
    - 10 people attended the information session held on 6/5;
    - another session is scheduled for Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>.
    - Lottery will be held two –three weeks after the July 6<sup>th</sup> application deadline
    - Leedara asked committee to help inform community about these sessions and affordable opportunities. Committee agreed to drop off flyers about the June 9<sup>th</sup> session to local businesses that may have viable candidates.
    - We've asked Jane Hinckley to be the person to pull the names at the lottery.
  - Namskaket
    - Leedara shared a proposed site plan for the 5+ acre parcel
      - 5 Habitat homes 3-three bedroom and 2-two bedroom units.
      - 1 Antique home to remain until solution to renovate, move or demolish is reached; Have 1 year to work that through; then a 6<sup>th</sup> Habitat home could be built on that parcel.
      - Leedara presented a possible semi=attached duplex design for 2 of the structures as a means to situate these homes that creates maximum open space.
      - While this is a great concept where land is tight, the committee's preference is that the project be 5 separate unattached homes.
      - The current barn structure on the land will be moved to land in Yarmouth and used by Habitat as a storage and training facility.
      - Zoning Board of Appeals meetings will be sometime between August and October (depending on progress of planning, etc) Committee members are urged to attend those meetings.
- Town Meeting Results:
  - Committee was very pleased with the Town's approval of both the \$615,000 Community
    Preservation Fund use for the Namskaket purchase as well as restoring \$40,000 to the Affordable
    Housing Trust Fund. It demonstrated our town's commitment to creating more affordable housing
    in our town.
- New Business: Sue Sasso asked who our Town Council Liaison with Margie Fulcher's departure. George said these assignments are typically made in July.. stay tuned.
- Next meeting July 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00

Submitted by Sue Sasso, for Judy Hunt.

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