

Sept. 22, 2015
West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust
Minutes

Present: Cynthia Mitchell, Glenn Hearn, Ted Jochsberger, Richard Knabel,
Skipper Manter, Larry Schubert and Vickie Thurber

Absent with Regrets: Mike Colaneri and Henry Gellar

Glenn made a motion seconded by Skipper to accept the 8/25/15 minutes as written.

VOTE 6 YES 0 NO 1 ABSTAIN

Announcements and Correspondence

Ernie Mendenhall Service: Rhonda told the Trust there would be a Memorial Service for Ernie on Sat.

Invoices: None

New Business:

Roles: Cynthia led a discussion of the roles of the AHC, Selectmen and AHT. She stated the role of the AHC is to search out and look for affordable housing opportunities and then recommend to the Trust spending of funds for such. The Trust discusses and decides how to spend money for affordable housing and whether the Town should purchase properties. The Selectmen role is to negotiate deals for any purchases. The Selectmen do not want the Trust to negate property deals. Larry asked if the AHC is to explore properties for purchase. Cindy said AHC should study the idea till questions are answered and then the Trust should discuss and make recommendations to the Selectmen.

Ongoing Business

Welles Property: Cynthia stated that the Selectmen at their meeting rescinded the Town's offer of 2009 to purchase the property. The historical question and other questions need addressed and brought to the Trust for discussion.

Fire Station Lot: The warrant article process was discussed. This is a CPC warrant article and needs to be viewed by the Selectmen and town counsel for final form. Warrant closes Oct. 6th. FinCom meets and decides whether to recommend.

IHT Letter: The draft of the Accessory Apartment letter was reviewed (see attached). ***Skipper made a motion seconded by Vickie that the final letter stating reason for not funding as edited be signed by AHT chair.*** **VOTE 7 YES 0 NO**

Adjourned at 7:45 PM

The next meeting of the AHT is Oct. 27, 2015 at 7:15 PM in the 2nd floor conference rm. at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Conley



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Dear Executive Director Jordi:

After careful review of the Island Housing Trust Proposal for funding for the Partnership for Accessory Apartment Program the Trust does not believe it can legally fund or support the program. The Trust had town counsel review the proposal. The State laws governing Trusts state a Trust is to “create or preserve” affordable housing. The statute does not include funding “support”. Although support is an eligible activity under the Community Preservation Act Statute it must be for support to individuals making 100% or below Area Median Income.

Sincerely,

West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust