

Mar. 28, 2017
West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust
Minutes

Present: Richard Knabel, Mike Colaneri, Ted Jochsberger, Skipper Manter, Angela Prout, Larry Schubert, and Vickie Thurber

Absent with Regrets: Susan Feller, Glenn Hearn and Cynthia Mitchell

Also Present: Rhonda Conley

Mike made a motion seconded by Vickie to accept the 1/24/17 minutes as written.

VOTE 6 YES 0 NO 1 ABSTAIN

INVOICES

Town Counsel: Rhonda presented the town counsel invoices from Jan. and Feb. ***Mike made a motion seconded by Ted to pay these expenses of \$842.00 for the Scotts Grove (Fire Station) Lot, \$235.00 for the School Lot, and \$386.25 for the Lambert's Cove Lot totaling \$1,463.25.***

VOTE 7 YES 0 NO

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Conference: Rhonda stated that there are 2 conferences being offered by MHP. One is on Trust possible projects and the other on fair housing. There were no volunteers to attend.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Scott's Grove (Fire Station) Lot: Larry informed the trust that the AHC had approved the ground lease and recommended to the selectmen. He also told the members that IHT is working on their funding sources. The water tank warrant article questions will be addressed by Larry at town meeting.

Lambert's Cove Lot: Mike told the members that the restrictions on the property end in Dec. 2017 according to counsel. The AHC is starting their review of what to do on the property. Skipper suggested it is a good spot for senior citizens housing. He also stated that the warrant article dealing with the property in approx. 1980 should be reviewed.

Housing Production Plan: Ted stated that the town reports are with the consultant and are not back yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Housing Bank Proposal: Ted stated he had spoken to the new Senator Fernandez about the Land Bank and the creation of a Housing Bank. The senator is pushing a bill that would change the Land Bank fee from 2% to 1.5% and the remaining 0.5% would be put into a Housing Bank. This is not being embraced by the Land Bank or realtors.

Local Preference: There was a brief discussion about Fair Housing Rules and preference. Rhonda explained that there is a percentage limit on local preference that must be a proven need. The length of time of this preference has been stated as only the first round of rental applications and future rentals cannot be preferences. Richard asked that Rhonda find proof of this statement. She will research this point.

Adjourned at 7:50 PM

The next AHT meeting will be Apr. 25, 2017 at 7:15 PM in the 2nd floor conference rm. Of Town Hall.

The next AHC meeting will be Apr. 25, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the 2nd floor conference rm. Of Town Hall.