

June 22, 2010
AHC Selectmen Joint Meeting
Minutes

Present: Mike Colaneri, Glenn Hearn, Richard Knabel, Ernie Mendenhall, Cynthia Mitchell, Jim Powell, Jonathan Revere, Joanne Scott, and Vickie Thurber

Absent with Regrets: Skipper Manter

Also Present: Rhonda Conley, Jen Rand and Leedara Zola, Bailey Boyd ass. Representative (via phone)

The memo from Leedara Zola of Bailey Boyd Associates was distributed to attendees as well as the one RFP response to the Bailey Park Project. Mike reported that Zola is gathering more specific information from the responder. Jonathan stated that it is essential the committee have more information before making a decision.

The call was placed to Zola. Zola explained that the responder to the RFP, Habitat for Humanity partnered with Island Housing Trust had not completely answered all questions. She was mostly concerned with the financial statements. The questions centered on the finances of the project. Documentation of where funds come from, proof of fund sources, etc. Zola hopes to have the answers to the financial questions by next week.

There were also questions about the period for building the 3 homes. It was noted that Habitat for Humanity usually takes a year to build 1 home. Members did not like the idea of the project taking 3 years. Glenn stated that a 3-year time frame would be disruptive to the subdivision association where the homes are to be built.

There were concerns pertaining to Habitat for Humanity's selection process for homeowner recipients. There was a desire to make sure the homes were matched with the appropriate family size as well as town preference. Everyone wanted to be sure that the town be involved in the selection process.

It was decided that Zola would look into the various questions and there would be another joint meeting on June 29, 2010 at 7P.M.

Affordable Housing Conveyance Policy: Mike read the cover letter to the selectmen the AHC sent along with the 3rd draft of the policy the committee has been working on dealing with private individuals who wish to put an affordable covenant on their homes. He said the Board of Assessors have discussed a private homeowner who has done so of her volition. As there is no precedence, the Board of Assessors did not wish to set on. Mike stated he has alerted the Planning Board to the policy the AHC is working on. Vickie asked the selectmen their input. Cynthia stated she believe it was a good start. Both she and Richard think it should go to town counsel. Richard also thought that some form of ground lease may be appropriate. Richard stated that the Board of Selectmen would be willing to finance town counsel expenses but wish to wait until the new year starts in July when they have new legal funds.

Adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Conley

