

Town of Long Island  
Year-Round Housing Committee Minutes  
March 28, 2007

Present: Mark Greene (chair); Ruth Peterson (selectman); Leah Doughty; Mike Maloney; Jonathan Norton; Katie Wegner; Amy Tierney; Will Tierney; Tammy Hohn; Mary Nanos; John Billings; Lorinda Valls; Chris Papkee; Alden Robinson (island fellow).

1. Meeting called to order 7:05 p.m. Previous meeting's minutes accepted.
2. Old business:

Alden Robinson updated the committee on his trip to Camden National Bank's affordable housing conference on the 20th. He talked to Joanne Campbell, of CNB, who said that banks commonly give mortgages on ground-leased property, provided the lease has a long enough term. She said Camden National would be happy to help with Long Island's project, as would any number of similar banks.

Mark said that he had sent a description of the YRHC's grant application concept to the Island Institute's Affordable Coast fund, and had received an encouraging response from Chris Wolff, the fund's administrator. If received, funds from the grant would be used to make preliminary site improvements to leased property such as septic plans and survey work.

3. New business:

The committee discussed the list of proposed selection criteria that were submitted by members over the past two weeks.

Two categories of criteria were agreed upon:

- a. eligibility criteria that a candidate must meet to qualify for the program.
- b. qualitative criteria to be used to make a priority list of candidates who had met the basic eligibility criteria.

The committee agreed on the following provisional eligibility criteria:

1. Bank pre-approval for a construction mortgage on the project.
2. Year-round resident of the island for a specified time period (to be determined).
3. Willing and able to build within a specified time period (to be agreed upon).
4. Maximum income and assets below a specified threshold (to be determined); The committee planned to do further research into income and asset limits and look into other islands' methods for a confidential selection process.

The committee discussed the following provisional qualitative criteria:

1. First time homeowner (tabled)
2. Not a current property owner;
3. Immediacy of need (more questions needed to determine);
4. Involved in community life – either organization or employment
5. Number in household;
6. Family ties to the island.
7. PLEASE ADD OTHERS.

Assignments for the next meeting:

1. Participants will assign proposed point values to prioritize these provisional criteria (1-least significant to 5 – most significant) for each of these items.
2. Participants should also bring an initial list of proposed conditions concerning the house to be built and ideas on buy back conditions should the house need to be sold.
4. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 11th at 7 p.m. Meeting adjourned 9:01 p.m.