

ISLE AU HAUT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Isle Au Haut Community Development Corporation Board Meeting
Nov. 6, 2011

Present: Board Members:

Bill Calvert, Steve Shaffer, Judith Burke, Landon DeWitt

By Phone: Catherine Olney, Gerry Wurzburg, Dana Perry, Ellard Taylor

Alex Harris: Island Fellow

Also By phone: Robin Tannenbaum, architect.

Rudy Graff, Chairperson of ICDC Loan Committee

Minutes were approved unanimously with minor edits.

Architect report.

Please see Attached Report of the Design Team Nov. 6, 2011

The Blueberry Hill plans were submitted to Norm Fecteau of MHA on Sept. 28. The submittal of construction drawings is complete, and we are waiting for feedback from Norm. Tim thought maybe three weeks when he would hear back from Norm. **Ellard will check on this time line.**

We went over Robin's plans of the village house. **Alex will be working with Robin to do rendering. Once that is done, it can go to Tim and Brian.**

In the discussion of why the house was only a two bedroom due to the cost of a new septic system, we discussed whether the wells on the blueberry village house are good. If something has to be done with a well there, we do have the money in the budget. Alex did have a discussion with Bob Gerber, however about the fact that the fracture in the rock on that land may not produce a high yield of water.

Ellard had a discussion with Peter Burke about doing a site plan for the village house, which he agreed to do pro-bono.

We discussed that it does make sense to have one contractor for the two houses since they will be similar construction techniques. We have the complete plans for the blueberry house so a contractor could give us an estimate for both houses with what we have.

We got word from George Cole that we will get a special boat rate when we start building.

Time Line for Village House:

We're hoping Robin will have her work done in one to two weeks. Probably 6 weeks for Tim. And then Maine State Housing approval.

We thanked Robin and Ellard for all of the work they have done.

We need to have the final legal documents of the transfer of land from the town to ICDC, which have been executed, but we don't have them filed.

Alex will take care of that and will also make sure the electricity is off in the village house.

Marketing/Recruiting Committee.

See attached copy of meeting held Oct. 31st.

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Bill reported on our meeting of Oct, 31st.

Alex will write a first draft of some kind of document or brochure that explains us further that we can hand out or send to people when we are speaking about ICDC in a group etc. and to be used in response to inquiries.

Kate Taylor will be writing three press releases between now and spring which we hope to “drip” on editors.

Kate is also in contact with a radio producer who wants to do an hour long feature on the island. He is trying to sell this idea to a program on NPR.

Steve had Molly, our Web designer do up some three by five cards for Kate and Linda and anyone else to distribute when they are out signing books or renting cottages etc.

Bill also contacted the American Home Business Association with 5000 members and sent them a request to write an article in their newsletter.

Contact person for press releases and inquiries will be Bill Calvert and Alex Harris

Community Engagement Committee

Discussion about engaging the whole community by reaching out to all members of the community to see if ICDC can help them in any way. That way, when we ask community members to help us, they will feel that this is their organization too and it is in their interest to support them. Example: ask all businesses, ie contractors, jewelry makers, writers, artists, cleaners, etc. if they want us to add their businesses to our website etc. In that way, future residents can also see what kinds of work or activities people are involved in. We need more discussion on this issue and how we can move forward with it.

Development Committee Report

We now have \$120,000 towards our \$200,000 goal

Challenge grants: \$30,000 has been met.

Grant Proposal status: We have grants in to Camden National Bank for \$20,000 and Bangor Savings Bank for \$10,000. We did not qualify for USDA grants.

The draft appeal letter is done and should go out and arrive before Thanksgiving. It focuses on giving family gifts.

OTHER FUNDING TARGETS: We need to follow up with Maine Community Foundation although we already received a \$2500 grant from them. Also, Bank of America has a call center in Belfast now. **Alex will talk to them.**

Financial Report

We have \$124,000 in checking account

\$60,000 in microloan account.

See attached financial report.

Value of existing homes: Dana Perry said that if we plan to ever use these houses as an asset for a loan, we will need to have them appraised.

Building Maintenance Committee.

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Unanimous decision to purchase 14 windows at a cost of approximately \$5000 for house #2 and screens for house #3. Landon will see when he can install them at house #2.

Microloan Report

We may have one new applicant.

ICDC Ten Year Plan

Alex has had experience in long range planning and will be working on this for us.

Next Meeting Dec. 4, 5pm

Sincerely,

Judith Burke, Secretary