

**Town of Long Island
Year-Round Housing Committee
Minutes, March 4th, 2008**

Voting members: Mark Greene (chair); John Billings; Mike Maloney; Will Tierney; Amy Tierney; Cade Brown; Lorinda Valls.

Present: Mark Greene; Lorinda Valls; Will Tierney; Jonathan Norton; Katie Norton; Mike Maloney; Leah Dougherty; Steve Train; John Billings; Mary Nanos; Alden Robinson (Island Institute Fellow).

Meeting called to order, 7:08 p.m.

John Billings moved to accept the minutes from the February 26th meeting; Mike Maloney seconded; minutes from February 26th accepted unanimously.

Old Business: Mark Greene reminded the committee that the Application and Selection committee (YRHASC) would be meeting on the 5th at 6:30 p.m. Mark also said he had spoken to CEO Jim Nagel about green building standards, and that Jim was checking to see which of the proposed standards were already encompassed in the current building code. We would defer this topic until more meaningful or new input made discussing it more fruitful.

YRHCorp Merger: Mark Greene clarified the proposed new structure of the Year-Round Housing Corporation. The Trustees, he said are comparable to Selectmen, elected by all voting members. Officers are also elected by the members, and need not be trustees, save for the President and Vice President.

Mark pointed out the one-year waiting period for new members (of the proposed merger of the YRHCorp, YRHC, YRHASC) to vote. Monhegan has this provision presumably to prevent masses of people joining the corporation to vote on just a specific issue. The initial membership, as outlined in the "Draft proposed new ByLaws" would be the original (and current) trustees of the YRHCorp and voting members of the YRHC and YRHASC. Mark said that would potentially exclude some current active YRHC participants who are not presently voting members. To solve the problem and have a broader voting base to run the newly re-organized YRH Corporation, he suggested the committee consider expanding its voting membership to include all its current active participants if they desired. The committee agreed to vote on this by-law change expanding its membership capacity by five to 12 members. This will be on the agenda of the next meeting. (It should be noted that anyone can and will be encouraged to join the YRH Corporation when/if new membership requirements are adopted, but that there is a one year wait after joining to be a voting member).

The YRHASC will be considering their part of the merger at their March 5 meeting. Mark will send out a final draft if ready so that we might be able to vote on this at the next meeting.

Additional Parcels: The committee discussed which additional parcels to request for the future of the program at Town Meeting. Four possibilities were presented (others welcome):

Lot 626, next to the Church



Lots 305, 306, and 307 on Garfield St.



Lots 237 and 252 at the end of Floyd St.



Lot 811 across from the East End Schoolhouse.



Like the lots we are presently working with, each of these lots have their "issues" which take time, money, and compromise to see if they are actually useable for this program. At this time, none of the four lots the YRHC is working with is as yet buildable due to a variety of issues.

Of the new proposed lots and with the exception of lot 811 (which has access challenges) these lots are still undergoing the foreclosure process. Lot 626 would need to be reconfigured to give it the required 100 feet of road frontage (it has 92 feet). Lots 237 and 252 would merge if the paper street between them were vacated and has major access (wet) issues. Lots 305, 306, and 307 would all merge to form one building lot.

Steve Train asked whether the committee were interested in lot 726, just east of the East End Schoolhouse. The committee agreed that the lot was probably valuable enough that the town would want it sold.

John Billings asked what would happen if multiple applicants wanted the same parcel. Mark Greene suggested that in the case of that, the committee would have to find a way of making a decision, possibly with some kind of lottery or see if the applicants could work out preferences themselves.

Will Tierney made a motion to request the four proposed parcels be requested for the YRHC program and Town Meeting vote; Mike Maloney seconded; the committee voted unanimously to request all four parcels. Mark will meet with the Selectmen to discuss this proposal.

The report of the Housing Administrator was reviewed for the Town Report.

Mark Greene said he would prepare a draft letter to town meeting voters explaining the land request as well as the proposed land swap with Gilbert Gordon.

Next meeting March 18th, 7 p.m. at the Learning Center.

Meeting adjourned, 8:26 p.m.