

Town of Long Island
Year-Round Housing Committee
Minutes, 10 May 2007

Meeting called to order 7:05 p.m.

Present: Mark Greene (Chair); Leah Doughty; Mike Maloney; Amy Tierney; Will Tierney; Katie Wegner; John Billings; Mary Nanos; Lorinda Valls; Alden Robinson (Island Fellow).

The committee used this meeting to discuss possible questions from the public at town meeting.

- The committee discussed the structure of the Year-Round Housing Corporation, the Year-Round Housing Committee, and the Year-Round Housing Selection Committee. The corporation's board is purely a legal entity, while the Year-Round Housing Committee sets housing program policy. The selection committee will be separate, chosen by the selectmen.
- The committee discussed whether the public would be concerned that tenants would eventually claim ownership of the leased land parcels, after paying the taxes on them for several years. Mark Greene said that the fact that the tenants were paying the taxes as part of a lease agreement would prevent them from being able to claim ownership.
- The committee discussed possible concerns over the types of building to be constructed on the leased parcels. The committee voted unanimously to accept a motion that "The committee's intent is that housing constructed on these parcels should be compatible with other year-round housing on the island." There was general agreement that this would exclude trailers.
- The committee discussed the transfer procedures for houses built on leased land. The committee thought the public might be concerned that the town would be liable for mortgage payments were another eligible buyer unavailable. Mark Greene said that in the worst case, the town would sell the property on the open market, which would lose an affordable home from the housing stock but which would return the taxpayers' equity many times over.

Meeting adjourned 8 p.m.
