Oak Bluffs
Community Development Council
Ad Hoc Fiscal Task Force Sub Committee
Task force email: obadhocfinance@gmail.com

CDC Meeting #154
Task Force Meeting # 16
Minutes of 11.09.11
9am-Town Hall Meeting Room
Members in attendance:

Chairman Terry Appenzellar, Priscilla Sylvia, Fred Hancock, Renee Balter, Bob Huss, Nancy Phillips, James Westervelt (recorder)
Non-Voting member Christine Flynn (MVC
Also attending: Board of Selectmen Chair Kathy Burton

Item: Minutes

Minutes of Ad Hoc Fiscal Task Force meeting #15 & CDC meeting #153 was read and accepted.

Item: Public Comment- None

Item: Review

Terry reviewed the goals and objectives of the task force. The goals and objectives will be read at the start of all meetings to keep the task force focused.

"To review certain aspects of Town of Oak Bluffs' fiscal situation toward resolution of projected deficits. The examination should consider future economic expectations (growth, recession) and propose revenue increases and/or spending reductions as well as efficiencies (town and regional, including privatization). The committee report should document all opportunities reviewed, including those already implemented by the Town.

Objective:
- **a. develops criteria for essential Town services.**
- **b. recommend efficiencies in Town operations, including cessation, privatization and regionalization.**
- **c. recommend potential spending reductions.**
- **d. recommend potential revenue increases.**

Item: Update

The Task Force is waiting for further financial data from the EMS Department.

Terry attended the FinCom meeting and discussed our findings and recommendations of fines, fees, and permits.

Renee sent copies of the CDC comprehensive traffic and parking report with maps to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, BOS Secretary, and Roads and Byways Committee for their consideration**. Renee** also suggested our committee meet with the Roads and Byways Committee before they appear before the Board of Selectmen. **Renee** will follow up with Selectman M. Santoro. Renee asked BOS Chairman Kathy Burton if she would also follow-up with Selectmen M. Santoro and see if the Roads and Byways Committee would meet with the task force on 11.30.11.

Renee also met with the Council on Aging members to alleviate their fears. **Renee** explained to those who attended the meeting that the task force is looking at essential services provided by town departments in order to cut waste and make each department more efficient. Renee is also checking into the COA utility , Wastewater and Water Dept. expenses.

Item: EMS

The task force then reviewed and rated the EMS essential services. There was considerable confusion and discussion over what was essential within the EMS department considering "normal" EMS and "transport" EMS. The MV Hospital located in OB has benefits for the town as well as detriments. Determining which carries more weight (benefits or detriments) will be challenging.

Priscilla will look into the "revolving fund" or the "enterprise fund" to see what funds from the account can be used for. Priscilla will also check with Cindy Noyes to examine the general ledger report for EMS #1231 and the Ambulance Transfer Fund.

Item:

Assignment for all: study the varied material on EMS.

Item: Public Input-None

Adjournment: 10:51am

Future meetings: 11.30, 12.14, 12.21, and 1.11.12, 1.25.12, 2.8.12, 2.22.12

Documents:

Essential Services EMS Rating Chart

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Minutes:

The CDC did not conduct any CDC business on previous meeting day except the above ad hoc task force so there were no minutes to approve.

Adjournment 10:55am