

**Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Committee of the Community and Public Works Committee
Meeting of May 25, 2010**

Committee Members Present: Deena Schuppe, Nick Nelson, Linda Fuller, Alternate
Committee Members Absent: Aimee Baxter, Nora Taylor
Public Present: Tom Wojchiechowski, Dick Mercier, and Rick Fairbanks, Habitat for
Humanity Ashland Affiliate Board Members

1. Call to Order.

Affordable Housing Committee meeting called to order by Nick, Vice President

2. Meet with Tom Wokchiechowski, Dick Mercier, and Rick Fairbanks continuing further discussion of potential for projects with Habitat for Humanity on Madeline Island.

Dick asked if land is available that already has sewer and water, as the Habitat bylaws currently stipulate that sewer and water has to be present. Dick did say that it could also work if set of conditions were met, guaranteeing that water and sewer would be provided on a land parcel.

Dick described how their last two Habitat homes had been for \$90,000, and less than \$13,000 for the lot.

Dick described how Habitat International has specifications on building sizes: 3 bedroom is limited to 1050 sq ft and 2 bedroom is limited to 900 sq ft.

Dick explained how Habitat Homes are provided with specific items by corporations, such as Whirlpool appliances, and all softwood.

Habitat board members had 2 questions that they would like answered: What would taxes be in areas being considered? What would the extra ferry transportation costs be for construction materials to get to the island?

Board members described the current status of the Ashland affiliate Habitat Group, and it is in a state of transition, as at least two of the board members are moving out of the area, including the President. Their board is wondering how to keep their affiliate going, and would like at least 2 island people to be willing to serve on their board. Tom described how they have only had 8 members, and should have about 12 to run smoothly with tasks manageably distributed.

Rick had an idea that other community members from Ashland might be willing to serve on board if Marina or Jim were involved with board, or with recruiting some new members.

Tom described some of the tasks of the board that follow a yearly timeline with a project., including family selection group which usually takes about 2-3 months.

If the Habitat Board is able to be assembled, and if Madeline Island would be voted into the Habitat's Chequamegon area region, then it was suggested by Dick

that the action plan to carry forward with this project would be to first secure land/lot, to get a guarantee of sewer and water or have it be already present, and then for selection of the Habitat family to occur, so they could immediately begin providing input.

Dick reminded us that if someone does donate a land parcel, that would be 100% tax deductible, and is clearly an incentive to do this, given the real estate sales declines.

Nick, Deena, and Linda agreed to take this information back to the island and try to get the answers to the two questions involving taxes and transportation costs.

Tom agreed to email further details on what board membership entails, and the board invited any interested persons to attend their next board meeting to continue discussion.

3. Meeting adjourned after motion by Nick, and seconded by Linda.

Minutes taken by Linda Fuller

Minutes approved as submitted June 28, 2010