

Monday, September 14th, 2009
6:00 PM
At the Town Hall

- 1) Amy Baxter calls meeting to order at 6:12 pm.
Members present: Amy Baxter, Nick Nelson, Deena Schuppe,
Absent: Anne Lacy, Nora Taylor, Linda Fuller
Public present: Gary Rieman, Margaretta Kusch, Jan Smith, Andy Herriot
- 2) Minutes of former meetings reviewed, discussed, and tabled. Discussion ensued about availability of Janet Bewley, Mike Anderson, and Denise Lutz to attend a future meeting. Beth Alsgaard arrived (6:30)
- 3) Nick proposed a mission statement which was edited and approved as such:

To contribute to preserving community through helping facilitate and maintain low-income homeownership and rental spaces. To provide education concerning affordable housing needs and opportunities.

Amy motions, and Nick seconds, approval of the mission statement.
Motion passes all in favor.

- 4) Nick read aloud his tally of the 23 yr round residents who filled out surveys. Andy asked what the total potential pool of those in need of housing likely is. Nick expressed uncertainty as to that number, as the survey was sent out in part to find that out. Nick suggested that, judging from the survey results, perhaps 2 to 3 times the number of people who filled out surveys. 46-69 island residents. 23 people is roughly 10% of total island population of renting age.
Amy read results from tally of 21 surveys, all summer residents.
All results discussed. Different needs apparent, i.e. summer rental vs. local ownership.
Question asked: is county interested in facilitating summer rental space?
- 5) Ashland County Housing Authority application for occupancy reviewed. Gazette article encouraging those in need to fill out apps is suggested. That to be held off until meeting with Mike Anderson.
Andy Herriot spoke about Habitat for Humanity process and opportunities; have to be able to provide steady income to pay the mortgage. This to be included in gazette article.
- 6) Meeting forced to adjourn due to loss of quorum (7:10)
Minutes approved 9/23/09