5/8/2012

Minutes: CICA YRH committee meeting

This was a special meeting, called to deal with two timely questions:

* Should we revise the smoking policy?
* Should we move forward on the sale of 226?

Bob had emailed two tentative motions, so that those who could not attend the meeting could offer their opinion and vote before the meeting. David Whiston replied, offering comments and his (somewhat reserved) support for the first motion. However, in discussion, the first motion was amended several times, and therefore David’s vote was not counted.

Amended motion: smoking will be allowed, but no closer than 25 feet of the home units, nor inside any structure.  Lease rules will be amended to insure that smokers clean up after themselves. There was much discussion.

Those who spoke against changing the policy made the following points:

* Insurance and maintenance issues
* Public health issues

Those who spoke in favor of loosening the policy:

* Review of Maine rental agency policies that disallow smoking in the building (but, assumedly, allow it outside)
* Impact on the community of Chebeague’s applicants, many of whom do in fact smoke.

The vote was 3 in favor, 3 opposed; the motion failed. The policy remains as is – which says no smoking in the buildings or on the property.

In the context of the discussion above, the question was raised: should we advertise off the island? Potential venues: Working Waterfront; Notes; Forecaster, Island Times; (Northern issue); advertise now?  Or wait…  A motion was offered: that we advertise for rental of SH in these venues.  2 or 3 weeks, ending near deadline.  Seconded; unanimous.  It was also agreed that we should send a notice to Dropping Springs as well.  Bob: call to call Heidi, and to post ads...

Should we move forward on selling 226? Much discussion on the seasonality of selling, and discussion regarding May’s original application for SH…

* May - move to SHR 7/1?
* Get access to 226 to paint, spruce up, etc.?
* Will May's new home on North Rd be ready 10/1?

Motion: that we move towards selling 226 at a market rate with no new deed restrictions. Second.  Discussion?  Unanimous.

Motion: that we approach the two realtors on the island re: pro bono commission or similar; on the sale of 226; results needed by 5/15 meeting.  Seconded.  Discussion: should we do a FSBO?  Let's see what they say and then discuss at next meeting.  Unanimous.  John to pursue and report back.