

NORWALK ASSOCIATION OF SILVERMINE HOMEOWNERS (NASH)

Meeting minutes for February 21, 2011

Respectfully submitted by Eric Nelson.

The meeting took place at 223 Silvermine Ave, the home of Christine Names.

Board members in attendance: Leigh Finely, Leigh Grant, Alex Modica, Christine Names, Eric Nelson, & Sue Palinkos.

Absent: Heather Dunn, John Kahler, Linda Lee, Lee Levey.

The meeting was called to order by Alex Modica @ 7:50 pm.

Treasurer's Report: No report this month.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the January meeting were approved.

Communication: Christine Names reported: The constant contact email software is working well. During the past month there were four email blasts. We also received comments on those emails. The readership of the emails varies slightly and the software allows the tracking of certain metrics such as the number of people reading the email & the number that "clicked through" to the website. General consensus of the board was that the amount of communication was fine as long as the email topic had some relevance to the residents of Silvermine.

CNNA: Alex Modica reported for Heather Dunn: Norwalk is planning a traffic intersection study and the neighborhoods were asked to supply some suggestions for intersections that might benefit. Alex asked the board members if they might suggest an intersection in Silvermine. The board members indicated they would consider possible sites prior to the next meeting.

Historic District: Leigh Grant spoke and indicated there was nothing new to report. Christine Names asked for some suggestions on material that might be added to the NASH website regarding historic preservation. It was suggested that the Norwalk preservation trust be contacted to see if some of their material might be used as long as proper credit was given.

Conservation & Zoning Regs Committee: Leigh Grant reported: The study group met earlier in the month and reviewed two existing parcels that had been developed under the conservation development regulation. It was felt by the people visiting each site, that one of these worked well in preserving open space and the other did not. Peggy Holton of the Norwalk Land Trust presented a mock up for a form to use in site evaluation. The pros & cons of various pieces of data were discussed and an edited form was to be completed by the next meeting. Several plans were also given to members of the group for future evaluation. Due

to the weather, it was determined that the next meeting not take place until late March or early April.

Nature Preserve: Leigh Grant Reported: Project is set aside until the 501(C)(3) for NASH is completed since some aspects of the project require this in order to proceed.

501(c) (3): Christine Names reported: the paperwork is still be reviewed by attorney. It was also mentioned that we would need some financials for the application to proceed but it was unclear on what form these should take. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business: None

Old Business: The issue of overly aggressive tree pruning by the power company was raised by Leigh Grant. In the past, this has led to some permanent damage to the trees affected. It was suggested that individual homeowners trim the undergrowth in their yards prior to it becoming large enough to affect the power lines.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40