

NORWALK ASSOCIATION OF SILVERMINE HOMEOWNERS (NASH)

Meeting minutes for March 22, 2010

Respectfully submitted by Eric Nelson.

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

Board members in attendance: Anne Carbone, Heather Dunn, Leigh Finely, Christine Glidden, Leigh Grant, Linda Lee, Lee Levey, Kathy Karnell, Alex Modica, Christine Names, Eric Nelson & Sue Palinkos.

Absent: Christine Glidden, Brad Hotchkiss.

The meeting was called to order by Lee Levey, President @ 7:40 pm.

Presidents Remarks: Lee Levey opened the meeting with comments on the storm we had on March 13 and the subsequent power outage throughout Silvermine & the town of Norwalk. In the general discussion that ensued, Leigh Grant suggested that we should formally thank CL&P & DPW for all they did in getting the downed trees cleared & having the power restored. Thanks should also go out to the Norwalk police for making certain drivers were alerted to closed roads due o downed trees in the neighborhood. Christine Names & Alex Modica also commented that the phone number on file with the town emergency phone notification system should not be dependent on power.

Treasurer's report: Linda Lee presented NASH's updated financial statement. Since the largest single expenditure to date was for attorney's fees, there was a brief discussion on whether we could have the final bill adjusted. Lee Levey said he would discuss this with Jane Freeman.

Website Report: Christine Names asked for additional feedback on the nearly completed website. Linda Lee was prepared to set up a PayPal account for the site but had to delay implementation due to our lack of a non-profit tax ID number.

CNNA: Heather Dunn attended. She mentioned that there was a cleanup scheduled for Woods Pond on 3/27. There was also some discussion on how the City of Norwalk website should be used to feed people into the various neighborhood association websites. Question was raised whether The CNNA site should be used as the primary link or whether individual Neighborhood associations should provide individual links on the city site. General consensus of NASH was that since our site had just been redone, we would be best served by having our own link. Lee Levey & Leigh Grant also brought up the need to start a discussion with the CNNA to improve the current city Conservation

Development guidelines. Starting a working group with the other neighborhood associations will be explored.

Mayor's President Meeting: Christine Names attended. Topics for conversation were an upcoming "Tree Fest" in Wilton in May. Donations of tree related items for raffle prizes etc were encouraged. Paul Resnick of the Norwalk PD also spoke. He reiterated some ground rules for assisting the Norwalk PD when calling in a complaint or reporting an incident. Information needs to be both timely & specific. Paul also mentioned that the PD maintains a report on the number & nature of patrol visits within Silvermine.

Historic District: Leigh Grant informed the board that the Dave Marsh House has documentation that dates the home to 1813 or earlier. There was also some clarification on Verner Pratt's role in the development of Microfiche. It was also noted that the survey for the Silvermine district is done.

249 Silvermine Avenue: Lee Levey spoke on current developments. It was noted that the P&Z staff was asked to substantiate the exact number of homes that could be built on the property without a Conservation Development. Since homes fronting on a street would only need ¼ acre while back lots would require ½ acre zoning, this is an important consideration. At this point, it appears that P&Z may allow the Conservation Development with the removal of either one or two of the eleven proposed homes. Lee & Leigh also mentioned they may consult with environmental attorney Janet Brooks in Hartford to obtain another perspective.

501(c) (3): Lee Levey informed the Board that he is working on this and has made it a top priority

House Tour 2010: Leigh Finley reported. Advertising sales were currently in progress for the house tour brochure. The tour has been set for September 25, 2010. So far there are only two families have committed to having their homes on the house tour. There was some concern expressed in coming up with more homes. Various ideas on this were discussed by the board and it was suggested that the tour committee contact a variety of people to assist them in obtaining some more homes. Once again, the lower Silvermine graveyard was mentioned as being a potential site given the colorful history of the residents.

New Business: It was generally agreed that a separate PO Box should be maintained for NASH. The cost of this would be minimal. It was also decided that some stationary should also be purchased & used for official correspondence.

Danny Grundman, a long time Silvermine resident was also a guest at the meeting and made a few comments. Danny noted that it would be nice if the

lights were restored to the dam on the Silvermine River at the Silvermine tavern, since these are visible from the Perry Avenue Bridge. He also expressed concern over the planning & zoning process in general and suggested more co-ordination with the CNNA in this regard. A final suggestion was to utilize a grant to obtain a complete soil survey of the Silvermine Area. At the end of his comments he was asked to join the board and he said he would consider it.

Linda Lee said that she would like to purchase Quicken as an aid to tracking expenses and for overall improved financial management. The board quickly agreed that she should go ahead with the purchase.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:33