

NORWALK ASSOCIATION OF SILVERMINE HOMEOWNERS (NASH)

Meeting minutes for March 21, 2011

Respectfully submitted by Eric Nelson.

The meeting took place at 100 Comstock Hill Ave, the home of Lee Levey.

Board members in attendance: Heather Dunn, Leigh Finely, Leigh Grant, Linda Lee, Lee Levey, Alex Modica, Christine Names, & Eric Nelson.

Absent: John Kahler, Sue Palinkos.

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

Treasurer's Report: Linda Lee reported. NASH has a current account balance of \$26,800 with anticipated expenses of \$7,700. This leaves us with a net balance of \$19,100. Given the income & expenses of last year, the board agreed that NASH was in good shape financially.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the February meeting were approved with minor changes.

Communication: Christine Names reported: The constant contact email software is working well. On a recent email the click through response was 110 / 200 emails which is very good for a community association. Response will vary based on the subject matter covered in the email. In the Mayors meeting there was also a request for comment on the Norwalk Center Connectivity Bus Districts" study which is related to the transportation mode study. Neighborhood associations were asked for comment & suggestions.

CNNA: Heather Dunn reported on 2 meetings:

In the January meeting Hal Alvord had \$500K set aside for a traffic study on the various transportation nodes (auto, bicycle, pedestrian, public transport). Neighborhoods were asked to identify known traffic issues. With this study, the city will be attempting to address current problems and concerns. Other items covered were development in Norwalk as it related to traffic, site specific signage regarding notification of hearings etc that might affect any neighborhood, and the drainage plans for I95 exit 14.

In the February meeting ongoing issues with the continued development of the Fodor Farm property were discussed

Historic District: Leigh Grant reported: Leigh and Christine made a trip to the Historic commission meeting in Hartford. At that meeting, the Verner-Pratt property was approved. The commission especially liked the fact that the house was purchased by its current owners with the specific intent to preserve it.

Information is also being prepared on the Camp Farm property.

Christine reiterated the need to have some more historic district information on the NASH website; Leigh & Christine will co-ordinate to develop some appropriate material or to use existing information from associated groups with their permission.

Conservation & Zoning Regs Committee: that group did not meet recently so there was nothing new to report.

Nature Preserve: Leigh Grant Reported: Project is set aside until the 501(C) (3) for NASH is completed. Once we receive 501(C)(3) status then we can obtain insurance to cover work parties, solicit park use input from the neighbors, complete a tree survey, then develop a plan for the preserve.

501(c) (3): Lee Levey reported. Financials & the application have been submitted. We are now awaiting the results of a review by the IRS.

Committees: Discussion tabled until we have full attendance.

Tree Alliance: Christine Names reported. The Norwalk Tree Alliance will be hosting a Tree Festival on Saturday May 21st. The purpose is to educate the public on topics relating to trees & greenery. The board discussed making a donation in support and a figure of \$500 was proposed and agreed upon. Alex wanted to know if we could have some access to the expertise of tree alliance members for our own projects. Christine indicated that she would explore that possibility.

New Business: The issue sloppy tree pruning by the power company was raised again by Leigh Grant. Several yards in the neighborhood have had debris from pruning left on the property and not cleaned up. Lee was going to address this with the town.

Lee Levey also observed that several of the roads were in tough shape after the harsh winter we experienced. Several roads, most notably Comstock Hill Rd. and Silvermine Ave. have extensive potholes and pavement separation from underlying layers of pavement. Leigh Grant suggested taking photos of the affected roads and sending them to Hal Alvord to see if the situation could be remedied.

Leigh Grant reported that a cell phone repeater tower was going to be constructed at the Armory site on New Canaan Ave on the outskirts of Silvermine. It will be 80 ft. tall but it was generally agreed that given the site it would not be an eyesore.

Old Business: None.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06