

NORWALK ASSOCIATION OF SILVERMINE HOMEOWNERS

Monday, March 19, 2012

223 Silvermine Ave.

7:30 pm

**Board Members in attendance:** Leigh Finley, Leigh Grant, Lee Levey, Alex Modica, Christine Names, Eric Nelson, Sue Palinkos. **Absent:** John Kahler, Linda Lee, Heather Dunn. **Guests:** Chip Brown, Ken James.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current funds: \$24,054. Donation made to Norwalk Tree Alliance of \$500. An estimated budget for the house tour was requested.

**Minutes:** Approved with one spelling error.

**Communications:** The highest open rate for communications has been for the 2012 House Tour. Costs to operate website were estimated at \$68.00 an hour (Megan Ferrell and associate); \$75.00 an hour from Carol Thomas (203) 262-1306 (recommended by the Conservancy).

**Membership:** No changes except one membership noted in Treasurer's report. Discussion on increasing membership and reaching 200 by e-mail and 600 by post. Electronic payment services: Constant Comment cost \$25.00 a month vs. PayPal (not elaborated on). A letter of accomplishments should be put on the website as well as sent with renewals.

**Community Relations:**

**CNNA:** No report. Discussion of failure to send fact list for Norwalk Museum.

**Mayor's Meeting:** Complaints were made about brush cut by the City on the intersection of Buttery and Comstock and not picked up. Lee Levey brought to the attention of Hal Alvord that no where in the specifications of the three major roads in Silvermine (which are delaminating) is there a specified binder. Alvord said the specifications have been changed. Buttery Road (all 60' of it) will be repaved this year.

**Council Activities:** Discussion of asking Kimmel and Petrini to come separately.

**Historic District Update:** Heard from #285 (Sergino) about description rewrite but no followup yet from them. Leah Hartmann (Meredith Grey's old house) needs a letter.

**House Tour:** Leigh Finley reported on the upcoming house tour. Need to pull history for Jerry Gleason's house. Refuge for '55 flood. Discussion of change of date due to Guild Artfest and unavailability of space for lunch. Leigh Finley is working on permit for the school/front door access/possibility of school Urban Hall for lunch. Tickets have been \$75.00 for members/\$85.00 for guests. Co-chairs for 2012: Mona Levey, Leigh Finley, Diane Wodey.

**501(c)3:** Lee Levey will put a meeting together and provide a contact at the IRS.

**Bylaws:** Tabled due to time.

**New Business:** 1.) Proposed work on Merritt Parkway river bridge over the Silvermine River: noise barrier (not going to be provided), decontamination facility will be installed on state land due to changes in lead regulations. DOT to provide ear plugs to nearest neighbor. 2.) Discussion of proposal from Peter Viteretto (SCA) and Keep Norwalk Beautiful program to remove invasives from Comstock Nature Habitat site. A meeting was proposed asap.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Grant, Secretary