

## **NORWALK ASSOCIATION OF SILVERMINE HOMEOWNERS (NASH)**

Meeting minutes for April 19, 2010

Respectfully submitted by Eric Nelson.

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

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

**Absent:** Anne Carbone, Heather Dunn, Leigh Finley, Brad Hotchkiss.

The meeting was called to order by Lee Levey, President @ 7:39 pm.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Lee indicated that The Quicken software package was purchased which will help in tracking NASH finances. Linda also presented up update on NASH'S balance sheet and our projected expenses. The most significant impact on the finances was the expenditures related to the hearings on the development of 249 Silvermine Ave. I was agreed by the board that the legal fees incurred should be reviewed. Sue Palinkos made a motion, (Christine Names 2<sup>nd</sup>) that any future expenditure that is projected to run \$1000 over the initial estimate be set forth in writing by the contractor in question & be subject to approval by the board. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the Feb 15 meeting were approved with some minor modifications

**House Tour 2010:** `Kathy Karnell reported. There was a general discussion on the number of complimentary tickets to be allocated for the tour in exchange for volunteer labor. It was generally agreed that those tickets should be limited to those people who made a significant contribution in terms of time & labor to the success of the tour. It was also generally agreed that the rules that apply to tour volunteers be more clearly defined in writing.

At present there are 3 confirmed houses on the tour. Letters were also sent to 7 other potential residences to ask for their participation. We hope to have all the houses on the tour determined by the next meeting

**CNNA:** No report.

**Mayor's Neighborhood Preservation Meeting:** Christine Names Reported. At the meeting several items were addressed:

There was a general discussion on how Norwalk's emergency notification plan should be implemented in the event of a long term power outage. Some proposed solutions involved outfitting patrol cars with PA systems and the training of neighborhood volunteers to notify people door to door. It was also suggested that the fire department might be better able to coordinate this.

There were also reminders on several upcoming events: most notably 4/24 Keep Norwalk Beautiful / SCA cleanup and the 5/22 tree festival in Cranbury park. In addition general comments were made on the need for Norwalk DPW to better communicate dates for tree cutting work to the neighborhoods involved.

**Historic District:** Leigh Grant gave updates on the ongoing research into the Verner Pratt house.

**249 Silvermine Avenue:** Lee Levey updated the board on this issue. A decision by P&Z is scheduled to be made at the 4/21 meeting. Lee, Christine and other board members also met with Janet Brooks, an environmental attorney. Janet came down from East Berlin to visit the site of the proposed development. She indicated that the proposed piping of the watercourse might be an issue. She suggested that any future change to the Conservation Development statute also include a provision for an independent review of the developer's plans.

**501(c) (3):** Lee Levey indicated that the paperwork had been filed the previous Wednesday. Estimated cost of the filing was \$200-\$300.

**Brad Hotchkiss:** Lee Levey made a motion to formally remove Brad from the board due to lack of attendance. This was seconded by several members and passed unanimously.

**Old Business:** At the previous meeting a request was made to ask Frank Whitman if the lighting of the dam at the Silvermine Tavern could be resumed. Unfortunately, there are no plans to resume the lighting at this time

Linda Lee set up a PayPal account for NASH. At this point it will need to be changed when we are formally granted 501c3 status.

**New Business:** None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35