

NORWALK ASSOCIATION OF SILVERMINE HOMEOWNERS (NASH)

Meeting minutes for May 17, 2010

Respectfully submitted by Eric Nelson.

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

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

Absent: Christine Glidden, Kathy Karnell

The meeting was called to order by Lee Levey, President @ 7:32 pm. Lee also thanked everyone for the gift of a hydrangea and their support at the recent passing of Lee's mother.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the April 19 meeting were not completed for the meeting.

House Tour 2010: Leigh Finley reported. Copies of historical material relating to the Byard "three barns" house on Mill road were passed around. Right now there are three houses on the tour. An additional homeowner expressed an interest to have their home included perhaps next year when their children were older. A number of other houses were discussed, most notably Byard's "Three Barns". This house is a possibility for this year & discussions with the owner will take place prior to the next meeting.

Another item that was also brought up was who owns the Silvermine Cemetery. If we want to include the cemetery on the house tour, we would need to get permission from the owner.

Christine Names initiated a discussion of ad sales for the House Tour Brochure. A handout was distributed detailing the prices & dimensions for each ad type. It was noted that there should be no informal discounts on the ads. Everyone's help was requested in obtaining ad revenue. Christine also requested that board members consider soliciting donations from people for the silent auction that is conducted as part of the tour.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Lee presented updated figures on the expenses and estimated expenditures for the year. It was also noted that the CD may need to be cashed in early if warranted by cash flow considerations.

CNNA: Heather Dunn reported: There was some discussion about the land use in the city park at Fodor Farm. Apparently, the town built some new structures without notifying the surrounding neighbors. CNNA would like to see a town policy whereby stakeholders are notified if the town does work on neighborhood parkland. They also like this policy to provide firm guidelines on the form that notification would take. At the meeting, there was also some concern expressed

over docks being built and the need for the planning commission approval. Mike Greene discussed the addition of a walkway along the lower Norwalk River, below Wall Street.

Mayor's Neighborhood Preservation Meeting: Christine Names reported: There was very little to report from the meeting. A tree festival is coming up on Saturday 5/22 from 10:00 to 2:00 in Cranbury Park. In addition, keep Norwalk Beautiful's project this year will be Calf Pasture beach.

Historic District: Leigh Grant reported: A final copy of the write up for the Verner Pratt house has been completed & will be submitted to the State.

249 Silvermine Avenue: Lee Levey reported: P&Z reached a decision. One house was removed from the proposed Conservation Development reducing the number to 10. They also denied NASH intervener status. There was some discussion as to what would be done going forward in regards to getting the conservation development statute changed to remove loopholes that allow for potential abuse. There was also a conversation of Jane Freeman's final bill and how that should be handled.

501(c) (3): Lee Levey reported that the documents were filed and now we're just waiting for a disposition.

Board Membership: Lee Levey reported: An Email was sent to Brad Hotchkiss regarding his removal from the board since he could not be reached by phone. The board was also awaiting a decision from Danny Grubman regarding the invitation to join the Board. Anne Carbone resigned, with regret, due to her busy personal schedule. The board expressed thanks for her service over the years and hoped that at some future date, she might return.

New Business: The SCA requested that the Summer Solstice wine tasting event on 6/23 be advertised on the NASH website. The Board indicated it would be happy to oblige.

Old Business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27