

NORWALK ASSOCIATION OF SILVERMINE HOMEOWNERS (NASH)

Meeting minutes for May 16, 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 Finley, Lee Levey, Alex Modica, Christine Names, Eric Nelson & Sue Palinkos

Absent: Leigh Grant, John Kahler, Linda Lee

The meeting was called to order by Lee Levey @ 7:41 pm.

Treasurer's Report: None

Approval of Minutes: March 2011 & April 2011 minutes were submitted for approval and were approved with minor changes.

Communication: Christine Names reported: A NASH email was sent out reminding people of the Tree Festival at Cranberry Park from 11-3 on May 21st. As last year, there will be many great exhibits. She also attended the Mayors meeting with Neighborhood groups. There was little of note to report.

CNNA: No Report.

Historic District: Nothing of note to report. Leigh Levey commented that he attended the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation awards ceremony in April. At that meeting the Norwalk Preservation Trust was honored for their work in preserving the Grumman-St. John House at 93 East Avenue.

Conservation & Zoning Regs Committee: Christine Names Reported. Of the 18 Conservation Developments that have been approved in Norwalk, 14 have been visited. A review of their impact on the neighborhoods and how effectively they preserve open space is ongoing.

Silvermine Tavern Update: Lee Levey reported. On Sunday 5/15 a meeting was organized by Bill Krause and was held at the tavern with approximately 100 people. This group was comprised of interested parties from the surrounding community as well as potential investors from the tri state area.

The meeting was to explore the possibility of converting the tavern property into a series of temporary residences for approximately six artists. The project would also convert part of the existing parking lot into studio & retail space for artists.

This project is ongoing and offers an interesting alternative business model for the continued operation of the Silvermine Tavern property. NASH will be following those proposals with great interest.

501(c) (3): Lee Levey reported. The application is currently under review.

Committees: Discussion tabled until we have full attendance.

Tree Alliance: Christine Names reported. The Tree Festival will be held on Saturday May 21st. Interested members of NASH are encouraged to attend.

249 Silvermine Ave: Lee Levey reported. A public hearing by the conservation committee will be held on 5/24 regarding the ongoing development of the property at 249 Silvermine Avenue. Members of NASH were encouraged to attend and to express their concerns regarding the development.

New Business: Lee Levey reported that a “blight ordinance” had been discussed by the state of Ct. The purpose of the ordinance was to help remedy situations where private property was falling into disrepair. NASH will continue to monitor this proposal.

Old Business: None.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40