

Norwalk Association of Silvermine Homeowners (NASH)

Meeting minutes for June 15, 2009

Respectfully submitted in behalf of Kathleen Karnell.

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

Board members in attendance: Lee Levey, Alex Modica, Leigh Finley, Christine Glidden, Linda lee, Anne Carbone, Brad Hotchkiss, Heather Dunn, Christine Names.

Absent: Sue Palinkos, Leigh Grant, Kathleen Karnell, Eric Stokes,

The meeting was called to order by Lee Levey, President

Acceptance of the previous meeting minutes: Accepted

Treasurer's Report:

Linda Lee stated that we have \$19,000 in the budget which includes the check from Norwalk Preservation Trust. According to Lee, the Schmitt's were delighted with the check given to the Car Schmitt Foundation.

Website:

Alex Modica and Christine Glidden reported that we are making slow and steady progress with our website. All the suggested changes from this Board have been incorporated to their knowledge. Additional information about the group of 12 artists is needed. Information on one artist is complete. Please go look at the site and be sure that you can utilize it fully with your browser. Neighborhood and committee resources need to be completed. Once we have appropriate permissions in place, each of the houses from prior tours should be added.

Although you should let Alex or Christine know if there are any issues, it is probably best to call the IT contact, Elpidio Pinto directly at (203) 545-0827, particularly if you have trouble getting your system and browser settings to read the site.

CNNA Report:

Brad Hotchkiss reported that the recent meeting included discussion of parkland or land use. Parks and Recreation has made golf available at Veteran's Park and a sports area at Ryan's Park. They would like to add 6 more soccer fields and rent them out. There was discussion about parking spaces and bathrooms to support that use. Currently there is too little money to keep up current fields. The town is barely maintaining the current fields.

If the use of these public areas changes over 5%, there is a process and language that provides legal notification and public forums or hearings prior to these changes. They may create a council to implement a management plan for parks. There is a master plan for Cranbury Park and a landscape architect has to be hired.

There is no aquifer protection plan for Norwalk. 23% of Norwalk relies on private wells. We are one of the few towns that have no plan. This is governed by P & Z now. We would like a regulatory agency to investigate land use and determine the threat of any hazard. Currently we are going through hearings to set-up a regulatory agency with appropriate authority and the ability to levy fines for discretions. .

The Coalition of Norwalk Neighborhood Associations and Guardian Angels have made good progress in reducing and impacting the source of grievances in South Norwalk.

Report from the Mayor's Neighborhood Preservation Meeting:

Tabled.

Historical Update:

The Perry Avenue proposal is now "dead." We discussed having Leigh Grant draft a letter to update and inform those homes that are impacted and offer to return any donated funds specifically earmarked for this particular district.

Comstock Hill Habitat/Park:

Lee Levey is arranging a meeting with Hal Alford and Tennessee Gas for this project. Paul V., who is interested in the project, has a few Eagle Scouts that would volunteer to start cleaning up the area and identifying trees. We will need Department of Public Works approval.

Silvermine Tavern:

The Tavern has re-opened as a Bed and Breakfast and for special events. There is no catering. The "For Sale" signs are down. The recent sale of items from the Tavern and Country Store was very successful. There has been some discussion of leasing out the second floor as artists studios.

S01(c) (3) Status:

We now have two bids and are awaiting a third. The disparity in bids (\$1,000 and \$3,500) is due to legal only or legal and accounting bids.

New business:

City code, Chapter 12 governs how trees are managed. There is discussion about the dollar value of a tree, particularly if it is taken away.

Meeting was adjourned.