

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

**Meeting minutes for October 19, 2009**

**Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Karnell**

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

**Board members in attendance:** Lee Levey, Alex Modica, Leigh Finely, Christine Glidden, Linda Lee, Anne Carbone, Christine Names and Kathleen Karnell, Leigh Grant, Sue Palinkos, and Eric Stokes.

**Absent:** Heather Dunn.

**The meeting was called to order by Lee Levey, President.**

**Acceptance of the previous meeting minutes:** Accepted

### **Treasurers report:**

Linda Lee reported the bank gave us a higher interest rate of .24%. A discussion took place in regard to obtaining a CD with a higher interest rate. Erik Stokes advised that the stop rate is about 2% but that would be for a 28 month CD. A twelve month CD would be only about .5%. Erick volunteered to look into the CD rates and get back to us at the next meeting. In reviewing the amount we would want to put into a CD, a discussion took place in regard to upcoming cost projections:

**Historical Plaques:** There are 76 houses that need plaques. The cost of each plaque is \$35 each so the total cost would be in the \$2,500-\$3,000 range.

**Insurance:** We are not sure how much the insurance would cost but we are going to approximate \$1,000.

**House tour:** Costs should run about \$6-7,000.

**Website:** Costs should run about \$1,500-\$2,000.

**Silvermine Avenue District:** Costs should run approximately \$6,000

Leigh Levey suggested making a motion to consider putting \$10,000 away in a 16 month CD. This would leave a balance of approximately \$15,000. Christine Glidden made a motion and Alex Modica seconded the motion. All board members were also in agreement.

### **Website:**

Christine Glidden requested that everyone look at the referral list furnished by Christine Names and advise her of any changes. At this time, the home page is looking fine. It was agreed that we would post all minutes within the last year. There was also a discussion about needing to put some information about the Silvermine Tavern, The Art Guild, and the Silvermine Market on the website since all of the establishments are such an integral part of Silvermine.

There will also be a section for the Historic House Tour. We will only use the historic names – no mention of the actual owner will be made. NASH will also send a note to each homeowner involved in the tour to advise them that we would like to put a picture of the house that was used in the tour booklet. Christine also advised that we may want to link up with a link that lists current activities in Norwalk. Leigh Grant will review this and see if all activities are current. We also need to make sure that we obtain permission for the link. The committee is also working on a link to the Neighborhood Preservation Meeting, a listing of NASH committees, CNNA, and Norwalk at Your Fingertips. The drop dead date for the NASH website is January 1, 2010.

#### **Report from the Mayor's Neighborhood Preservation Meeting:**

Christine Names advised that there was a request for "Keep America Beautiful Index". The group would consist of 8-10 people in a van that drive around and see what areas need to be cleaned up. This is done continuously. Christine also advised that Norwalk obtains approximately \$75 in waste for every 750 pounds of recycled waste collected. Residents are being asked to buy a green bin, addition to the blue bin we currently use. The green would be for paper, including junk mail, and the blue is for cans, bottles, etc. Residents should put the blue on top of the green to prevent paper from blowing around.

#### **Historical District Update:**

Leigh advised that she recently heard from David Marsh who is interested in pursuing the David Platt properties. There was also a discussion regarding whether or not we should expand the Perry Avenue district. She suggested that we keep our districts smaller, and just do what is mapped out for the eligibility study. It is also noted that Paul Gratian has a new partner and is interested in working on the districts. At this point, it appears that Phil is doing research to see what can be done. We are currently getting quotes from both parties. Leigh Grant made a motion to accept the district as it is now which would be the eligibility study. Ann Carbone seconded the motion.

#### **Nature Habitat:**

Leigh Levey has had conversations with the representatives of the gas company. He is awaiting a letter from the gas company granting permission to use the property.

#### **Silvermine Avenue/New Canaan Bridge:**

Work over the New Canaan Bridge has currently stopped. The Dot was ready to start the other two lanes when they found that the bridge would not support the cable that runs through the structure. Most likely, the DOT won't start up work again until the spring. As for the Silvermine Bridge, there will not be any "tearing down" of the bridge for at least ten years.

#### **New Bridge:**

Leigh Grant led a discussion regarding the upcoming year and whether or not Lee Levey will be staying on as president or stepping down. A discussion followed by all board members and no decision was made.

**Meeting was adjourned.**