

NORWALK ASSOCIATION OF SILVERMINE HOMEOWNERS (NASH)

Meeting minutes for October 24, 2011

Respectfully submitted by Eric Nelson, recorded by Leigh Finley.

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

Board members in attendance: : Heather Dunn, Leigh Finley, Leigh Grant, John Kahler, Linda Lee, Lee Levey, Alex Modica, & Sue Palinkos

Absent: Christine Names, Eric Nelson

The meeting was called to order by Lee Levey

Treasure's Report: Linda Lee reported: YTD Balance = \$24,519. Final statements for 2009 and 2010 were given by L Lee to L Levey. Our bank, Wells Fargo, needs copies of either our Article of Organization or Certification of Formation. L Levey will pull those from his files and get those to L Lee for the bank.

Approval of Minutes: None. Secretary, Eric Nelson, was not present.

Communications: No update. Christine Names was not present.

CNNA: No update from H Dunne; CNNA did not meet.

Historic District: No new information from L Grant.

Conservation & Zoning Regs Committee: Leigh Grant and Christine Names re-worked and re-formatted the first conservation study to make it more concise and effective. It is now two pages with the most pertinent information on the first page.

The committee has visited and reviewed many current conservation developments to evaluate their effectiveness and consider their management plan and its implementation over time.

Several good examples were sited: The Falls in Silvermine, New Canaan Way, Saugatuck Landing, Canfield Crossing, and Thomas Place.

Weaker conservation developments were also noted: Orchard Lakes, Mallard's Landing, and Silvermine Way.

Silvermine Tavern: Frank Whitman has asked Peter Lane to "back burner" his idea and bid for the Tavern. Frank appears more inclined to work with Bill Krause's proposal which appears to have gained financial support. (Approximately \$500,000 YTD.)

Leigh Grant mentioned that the Board is building – Joanne Woodard, two of the Newman daughters, the Head of the Aldrich Museum; Suzie Soloman and Laura Einstein are also providing support.

501(c) (3): We need to get final financial data to the attorney. L Lee and L Levey will coordinate efforts to get this complete.

Committees: No update

House Tour: L Levey passed along the suggestion that we have two separate committees to begin working on the 2012 Historic House Tour.

Committee 1 would work to select the houses and Committee 2 would manage the Tour per se.

There appeared to be strong support for this idea given the challenges we had in obtaining homes in 2010. Leigh Finley offered to re-connect with the prior Committee Heads to see who is interested in working on the 2012 Tour.

Several potential homes were discussed by Leigh Grant, Sue Palinkos, and Lee Levey primarily: the Old Forge, Ken Baird Barn, Norman Cousin's home, Meredith Gray's home, the English Cottage homes on Cliff View, Pat Duncan's home, 5 Kings Highway (Caspari), Cameron home.

New Business: The James Street and Perry Street bridges are scheduled for repair/replacement by the DPW and DOT. Leigh Grant has been contacted regarding the history of these repair discussions in 2009 and along with Alex Modica has reviewed the current plans; the proposed work is 2012/2013.

The proposed repair/rebuilding of the James Street Bridge includes widening it by 4.5 feet and has involved contacting the four home owners whose land would be impacted. It is likely the Perry Street Bridge work will be done first.

These projects are supported by Federal grants in the \$800,000 range. The proposed work includes wood rather than aluminum guard rails and stone-clad railing piers/posts (1 at each end) to make the bridge more residential.

Update: Norwalk Preservation Trust had an interesting historic house tour this fall. Net proceeds were \$5,000.

Update: The Eagle Scouts need a project according to Heather Dunn. Leigh Grant encouraged them to consider additional work on clearing and re-planting a section of the river bed which would be a continuation of an earlier project. Heather will follow-up with Leigh Grant and Peter Viteretto.

Old Business: Sue Palinkos confirmed that SCA definitively has non-profit status which apparently had been questioned at some point earlier this year.

She also indicated that 501-C3 status is under much tighter scrutiny and that compliance with all filing and record keeping is imperative. L Levey mentioned that the lack of conforming to regulations means the non-profit status could be called into question.

Meeting was adjourned