

Emergency Access Route – The Board discussed the impact of Hurricane Sandy on Silvermine Ave. and Comstock Hill. Lee Levey will communicate NASH concerns about clearing these access roads to the Department of Public Works.

The Board discussed the idea of inviting local politicians to an annual meeting.

Membership – The Board discussed what it can do to increase NASH membership.

Community Relations

Lee Levey – no meeting on which to report.

Heather Dunn – reported on the Coalition of Norwalk Neighborhood Associations (CNNA) and the 95/7 development project.

New Business

Historic District signage – Alex Modica suggested the Board explore placement of signs identifying Silvermine as a historic district. Suggested that the Arts Council would be a likely supporter. Lee Levey will follow up with the Department of Public Works.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken James

NORWALK ASSOCIATION OF SILVERMINE HOMEOWNERS
Monday, November 19, 2012
223 Silvermine Avenue

Attendees: Christine Names, Chip Brown, Heather Dunn, Lee Levey, Alex Modica, Ken James, Linda Lee, Sue Palinkos, and Lee Finely

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Prior Meeting - Minutes from previous meeting were not available.

Treasurer's report – Eric Nelson was not able to attend the meeting. He submitted two reports via e-mail (copies attached): (1) Nov. 18, 2012 NASH Financial Statement and (2) 2012 House Tour P&L.

501(c)(3) Status – Lee Levey reported that NASH 501(c)(3) status has been suspended. As previously reported, NASH filed an application for recognition as a 501(C)(3) organization. NASH was advised by the IRS that its application was complete. The IRS has now advised NASH has to file tax returns for calendar years 2007 -2011 in order for the IRS to issue a determination letter. Lee Levy will issue with the attorney who prepared the application.

2012 House Tour – Lee Finely reported. The Board reviewed the House Tour P&L. The Board acknowledged that both the House Tour and Art Events had been successful and well-managed. The Board discussed:

- Changes for next Year
 - Separate ad sales committee which will include accounting and billing support from the Treasurer.
 - Revert to the prior price structures
- Chair for 2014 House Tour. Consensus the chair should be a board member, the co-chair does not have to be a board member.
- Organization Chart. Leigh Finley will prepare an organization chart showing the key positions/roles/responsibilities.

Christine Names shared a thank you note from Mona Levey.

Communications –

Christine Names shared a resident complaint that NASH was not active during Hurricane Sandy. The Board discussed the appropriate role that NASH should play in a neighborhood or city emergency. The consensus was that NASH is not equipped to act as an information-clearing house in emergency nor is it part of the NASH mission. Although the NASH website currently includes the City website under “Links, the Board discussed making the City of Norwalk emergency information link on the NASH website more prominent. Christine Names will respond to the resident complaint. In addition, the Board concluded that a separate communication to the NASH mailing list reminding residents that the city has a “Code Red” service (reverse 911) that broadcasts important emergency information and encouraging them to subscribe.