

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

Meeting minutes for December 20, 2010

Respectfully submitted by Eric Nelson.

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

**Board members in attendance:** Leigh Grant, John Kahler, Lee Levey, Alex Modica, Christine Names & Eric Nelson.

**Absent:** Heather Dunn, Leigh Finley, Linda Lee, Sue Palinkos

The meeting was called to order by Lee Levey, President @ 7:46 pm.

**Please Note:** the outline of the minutes follows the meeting agenda.

**Treasurer's Report:** None: As a matter of information, Leigh Grant indicated that approximately \$4,000 of invoices payable relating to work done on the historic district were still outstanding.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the October meeting were available for approval but a quorum of board members present at the time of the October meeting were not available to approve them.

**House Tour 2010:** At present there were still 2 unpaid pledges from the 2010 house tour. We also discussed 2 other items: 1) how much to donate to the Norwalk Preservation Trust for their help with the house tour 2) how to compensate Megan Ferrell for her contribution.

**Communication:** Christine Names reported: Christine sent out an email blast using the constant contact software and felt it worked well. Only 5 out of 208 emails were kicked out. The software also allows us to see if the email was received and read.

**CNNA:** No report:

**Historic District:** Leigh Grant gave us a brief update on current projects that were underway.

**Conservation & Zoning Regulations Committee:** Leigh Grant & Lee Levey reported: Group met in November but Doug Hempsted was unable to attend. Next meeting was scheduled for early January and will be held at Norwalk City Hall since this is a more convenient location for all of the members.

**Nature Preserve:** Leigh Grant Reported: The tree house on the property is currently being removed. Eric Nelson indicated that the group would need to gain 501(c) (3) status prior to obtaining liability insurance for any volunteer work that might occur on the property. This approximate cost of insurance would be \$800/yr.

**Silvermine tavern:** Negotiations are still ongoing between a potential purchaser of the tavern and the town of Norwalk as to how that property may best be used.

**501(c) (3):** Lee Levey reported: Lee met with the attorney on Wed 12/15. Paperwork is to be resubmitted then must complete a 1 month review. It is estimated that we will have 501(c) (3) status prior to 4/15/2011.

**Board Membership:** Lee Levey asked once again for the current Board members to consider if any of our Silvermine friends or neighbors might be potential board candidates. Currently we have another potential member from eastern Silvermine.

**New Business:** Lee Levey informed the board that there would be a meeting on 1/19/11 with the CT Dept of Transportation at Norwalk City Hall to review plans for future work on the Merritt Parkway Bridge over the Silvermine River. Part of this project also includes the MP Bridge over Silvermine Ave. Board members were encouraged to plan on attending.

**Old Business:** 1) Membership drive: Board discussed the 2011 membership drive. It was generally agreed that prior to the drive we gather information on what NASH accomplished in 2010 and how NASH helps to defend the character of the neighborhood. It was also suggested that we wait for 501(c) (3) status prior to soliciting new members. 2) Norwalk city website now has the search by street function re enabled which should make checking the membership roles easier.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:37