

NORWALK ASSOCIATION OF SILVERMINE HOMEOWNERS (NASH)

Meeting minutes for December 19, 2011

Respectfully submitted by Eric Nelson.

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, Lee Levey, Alex Modica, Christine Names, Eric Nelson & Sue Palinkos

Absent: Linda Lee

The meeting was called to order by Lee Levey at 7:40 pm.

Treasure's Report: None. Treasurer was not present

Approval of Minutes: Eric Nelson submitted minutes for the May, June, September & October 2011 meetings. They were discussed & approved with minor modifications.

Communications: Christine Names said there was nothing new of material interest to report. Leigh Grant suggested that a brief write up on the Verner Pratt house be included in the next NASH newsletter.

CNNA: Heather Dunne reported: At the last CNNA meeting there was a discussion on a plan to develop parts of Veterans Park in East Norwalk. Since the park is sited on an old land fill, there is some concern by the neighbors over possible soil disturbance. The addition of an outdoor concert structure / band shell was discussed as well. Neighbors in the vicinity of the park have expressed opposition the development as envisioned.

A brief discussion also ensued on the composition of the Common council Committees in light of the recent election

Historic District: Leigh Grant reported. Leigh & Christine are updating a list of houses in Silvermine that have been submitted and approved for inclusion into the historic district.

Conservation & Zoning Regs Committee: Leigh Grant reported: committee met in November to finalize the ratings for prior conservation developments. Leigh will be working on compiling the final report.

Silvermine Tavern: Lee Levey reported: Bill Krause's is working with the Norwalk Preservation trust to move his proposal along for developing the Tavern as the home for an "artist in Residence program".

501(c) (3): Lee Levey reported: Documents still being reviewed by IRS

House Tour: Leigh Finley reported: Leigh compiled a list of homes that had been on or had been considered for prior house tours. A committee also needs to be formed to work on evaluating potential homes for the tour and gauging owner interest in having their homes on the tour. The importance of having online payment available was discussed as well the importance of having the 501c3 status in place. It was also suggested that we quickly decide on a tentative date. The tour has traditionally been scheduled for mid to late September.

Leigh Grant, John Kahler and others suggested various homes in the area as well as the possibility of having the Silvermine Tavern on the tour.

There was also some discussion on whether we should restrict the tour to older historic homes or open up the tour to newer homes of significance as well.

Another potential theme was to concentrate on the homes of cartoonists or illustrators. Silvermine has had many of these artists as residents.

2012 Board Meeting Calendar: The board has met traditionally on the third Monday of each month @ 7:30 pm with summer months of July & August having no scheduled meeting.

Tentative meeting dates for 2012 are Jan. 16, Feb 20, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21, June 18, Sept17, Oct 15, Nov 19, & Dec 17. Meetings in July & August of this year may be needed to discuss matters pertaining to the House Tour

Election of Officers: A new slate of candidates was proposed for the NASH board. This slate was as follows:

President: Christine Names
Vice President: Linda Lee
Secretary: Leigh Grant
Treasurer: Eric Nelson
Community Liaison: Lee Levey.

After a brief discussion, the slate of candidates was unanimously approved (with Linda Lee voting in absentia).

New Business: None

Old Business: None

End of Meeting Comments: Leigh Grant and the Board wished to commend and acknowledge Lee Levey's service to NASH as president of the Board for 10 years.

All Board members were encouraged to seek out Silvermine residents as potential Board members for the upcoming year.

A general question was raised as to the difference between NASH and the Silvermine Community Association (SCA).

NASH is an association of Silvermine homeowners who live in Norwalk. It is primarily concerned with operational issues regarding the neighborhood, i.e. communication, safety & development concerns.

SCA is primarily a social organization whose membership extends to Silvermine residents in towns of Norwalk, New Canaan & Wilton.

The two organizations have complimentary role in the health of the neighborhood.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.