

**QUASHNET VALLEY HOMEOWNER'S ASS'N. INC.**  
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**Minutes of QVHA Annual Meeting, August 18, 2018**

Patty Barron, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:10 am at the Event Room of the Mashpee Public Library. Copies of the agenda were available to all attendees. Patty presided over the meeting accompanied by Board Members, Tony Venuti and Christopher Nelson. Other Boards Members Joanne Coletti and Heather Groeneveld were unable to attend the meeting. There were a total of 45 households represented by 83 attendees.

Tony Cocuzzo. led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent reflection in memory of neighbors and friends.

Tony Venuti. welcomed the new residents to our neighborhood.

Following are items reviewed / discussed at the meeting:

**Affordable Housing Update:** Bruce Willard

- Project proposed at the corner of Old Barnstable and Lowell Road has been abandoned and is not going forward.
- The location at 950 Falmouth Road has been selected for further consideration.

**Landscaping report:** Christopher Nelson

- We are currently locked into a 3-year contract with Young's Landscaping.
- Fall clean-up will include 2 clean ups as requested by the homeowners last year. They are expected to take place in late October and at the end of November.
- Discussion about common area maintenance on Snead Circle. Some residents are maintaining common areas adjacent to their homes, a review with Young's is recommended.
- Nelson Circle improvements were approved by the Board and were performed by Young's. In the future, major work will be subject to a Request For Proposal.

**Landscape Proposal:** Gary Corrigan

- A slide show of the circles throughout the neighborhood, including photos and recommendations. This was prepared by Gary Corrigan and Bruce Willard.
- Recommendation came up regarding adding flagpoles to every circle. Discussion included recognition that Nelson Circle homeowners take it upon themselves to raise and lower the flag in a respectful manner every day. Would other circles be as attentive to this respectful practice? Also discussed, cost of flagpole is about \$2500 each. This discouraged homeowners from further discussion.

- Recommendation from Gary and Bruce for the formation of a Landscape Committee was well-received and generated interest among homeowners to become involved. Sign-up sheet was provided at the end of the meeting and 21 homeowners signed up. Kick-off meeting has been set for Thursday, 8/24.

**Sunshine Committee Report:** Dottie Hiltz

- Brief history and purpose of the Sunshine Committee was presented. Established in 2000, Sunshine Committee is independent of the Board and funds are collected separately. The Committee was established to address bereavements, illnesses and social events, common to the neighborhood.
- There are currently 6 members on the Sunshine Committee (Dottie Hiltz, Elaine Goldberg, Nancy Douglass, Larry Bornstein, Carolyn Markowski and Joanne Coletti)
- A request for \$25 donations was made. Committee will send out a letter with information about the request.
- Dates to put on calendars:
  - September 22<sup>nd</sup>: Clam Bake at Bornstein's house
  - December 9<sup>th</sup>: Holiday Party at Quashnet Club House

**Financial Report:** Tony Venuti

- Reviewed 3 slides
  - Review of 2017
  - Current status of budget as of August, 2018
  - Proposed budget for 2019
- Tony introduced Jan Mercadante, a contractor who is doing all the administrative work that Prime Homes used to do. The expectation is that her work will increase in 2019.
- Lively discussion focused on the funds needed and the strategy for the landscape improvements. All agreed that it is in the best interest of the neighborhood overall to complete the improvements in the Circles, including adding a fence at the entrance of Hogan and Snead. Player Circle also needs a fence at Player and Palmer.
- The current budget will not support the improvements needed over the next 4 years. Landscape Committee will do some of the needed work on a volunteer basis; however, there are some high dollar items that are needed such as taking out dead trees, and replanting where needed.
- Question was raised about empty lots which do not pay annual dues and why the Association is paying to have these lots maintained as common areas. Unfortunately owners of empty lots have never paid annual dues and it is in the best interest of the community to have these areas maintained. This will become a non-issue in the near future as the lots are being sold and built upon.
- Motion to increase dues to \$200 per year was proposed by one of the homeowners. This was seconded and voted upon. An overwhelming majority voted in favor of this.

**DUES WILL INCREASE FROM \$115 TO \$200 IN 2019**

- The proposed 2019 budget was reviewed, and a motion was made to approve with the following stipulations:
  - Total expense not to exceed \$20,000
  - Total landscaping expense not to exceed \$16,000

Budget was seconded and unanimously approved.

However, there will be an update to the budget reflecting the increase in annual dues. This will be provided to homeowners upon completion.

### **Election of Officers and Board Members**

- It was announced that Patty Barron, Joanne Coletti and Heather Groeneveld will be leaving the Board to allow others to become involved.
- Dave Fravel from Hogan Drive was nominated, seconded, and voted onto the Board.
- Corporate Officers will be represented by Board Members.

### **Open discussion:**

- Speeding: still a problem on Snead, as it is every year. In the past we have tried having police officers monitoring the road (too obvious, didn't fix the solution once the officers were no longer in place), implemented an electronic sign (some homeowners objected to this & it was removed), temporary speed bump proposed (this was proposed in the past and most homeowners living on Snead did not want it). Also, since we no longer "own" the roads in our neighborhood, we would not be allowed to install the speed bumps. The town of Mashpee would be responsible for doing this. Recommendation to those living on Snead is to continue to call police to report the speeding.
- Trailers: tents, trailers, mobile homes or vehicles that are capable for residence or habitation must be hidden from public view. Other types of trailers are not addressed in the by-laws.

A motion was made to adjourn at 12:05pm. It was seconded and unanimously accepted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Barron

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