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## annual meeting minutes

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### **QUASHNET VALLEY HOMEOWNER'S ASS'N., INC.**

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Bruce reported on the status of the proposed affordable housing complex at the corner of Old Barnstable and Lowell Road. The Town is **considering** scaling back their original proposal of 24 units to only 10 housing units at this site and consideration for the remaining units at another location. No decision has been made. He is an active member of the Town's Affordable Housing Committee and will keep us apprised of any developments.

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Dottie Hiltz rose to explain the role of the Sunshine Committee.

1. She advised that it was established as a tool to address bereavements, illnesses and social events common to the neighborhood. She offered thanks to Suzanne Walker for her role in e-mailing notices to all. She also named the other members of the Committee.
2. The dues is \$25.00 every few years, but that currently with a balance of residents send in their approx. \$1100.00 in the account and that further funding isn't necessary although she did indicate that the financial support of new residents would be welcomed.

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A vote was taken to accept the day's activities and the budget. It was passed.

Patty opened the meeting to a discussion of "general issues"

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2. In retrospect, not fully addressed as in years past: are the guidelines that address those that allow their dogs to roam off leash, those who use noisy outdoor equipment on Sundays, those whose homes aren't kept up to pleasing appearances or where trash is exposed to view, and where vegetation at corners inhibits safe view when entering an intersection, etc. When those residents or visitors who are identified as abusing our guidelines, they will be addressed in writing and asked to correct the issue. If we're not successful, our By-Laws allow for legal action. Only under some blatant abuse of the rules, and only after special meeting and approval of the QVHA members, would we consider such action.
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4. We were reminded to lock our cars when parked, particularly overnight, and be watchful of leaving garage doors open or leaving bikes, etc. around when one's not present. Also, in absence of street lights, it was recommended as it has in years past, that we leave our pole lamps on all night to shed some light in the neighborhood. May we suggest that with the advent and use of LED lighting, electrical costs can be reduced.

Bob Graham called for adjournment at 11:30. It was seconded by Jay Hill and unanimously accepted.

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