

Barque Hill Board of Directors Meeting

October 26, 2010

7:30 p.m. at the Thorbahn home

Attendees:

Steve Lynch, Anne Merna, Rob West, Tom Poor, Hugh Spurway, Kevin Bedford, Bob Ashley, Dan Uhlman, Eric Thorbahn, Tom Flynn, Joel Shepherd and Rosemary Spurway

Meeting called to order by Steve Lynch at 7:40 p.m.

HOUSEKEEPING:

1. Move to amend the minutes from the last meeting to make note of the Service Award presented to Tom Poor. Amend previous meeting minutes to show the Board took a vote and the motion to make the Award carried unanimously.
Motion made by Steve Lynch, seconded by Anne Merna. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Move to waive the reading of the minutes from previous meeting.
Motion made by Steve Lynch, seconded by Eric Thorbahn. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Move to accept the minutes of the last meeting.
Motion made by Bob Ashley, Joel Shepherd seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Presented by Tom Poor. To date, 64 of the 107 Association members have paid dues. The first notice has been sent. Anne Merna noted that half of the second notices went out today, Oct 26.

There is a current \$2000 surplus.

The third dues notice should go out at the beginning of February.

64 paid in full is a good spot to be in at this point in time.

The second round usually – historically, brings in another 15-20 paying members.

The last round (Feb) brings in another 2-3 families.

Anne Merna moved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Bob Ashley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT- No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beautification Committee – No report

Grounds Committee

Shipyard Park Cleanup

Bob Ashley noted that the idea of a Bonfire for Halloween is out of the question. The Norwell Fire Department said 'No'.

Bob also investigated burning brush from normal cleanup. We would need a permit. Joel Shepherd noted that he is an abutter of Shipyard Park and he could bring a hose over which would enable us to burn brush, etc. Some discussion on safety, wind, etc. has held.

Group agreed this is a late winter project as we can burn Jan 15-May 1.

Snow Plow Markers - Discussion

Tom Poor noted we started with rebars, added tape, white tags (?). Barque Hill Drive neighbors were upset. Rebars were consistently removed. Consensus that rebars, reflectors or rocks don't work.

Decision was made to take no further action with protecting Barque Hill Drive entrance and along the roadway from snowplow damage at this time. Eric Thorbahn suggested hydroseeding and repairing every year.

Keys to Shipyard Park

Hugh Spurway moved to give a key to each Board Member.

Tom Flynn seconded this motion.

Joel Shepherd volunteered to make up 7 keys to distribute to those BOD members who need one.

Suggestion was made to post access to key information on the Barque Hill website. Members looking for entrance should contact a BOD member by email or call.

Motion carried unanimously.

Social Committee

Barque Hill 'Tis the Season Social Event

Rosemary Spurway reported that the Save the Date has been sent. A second notice will be sent after Cash Bar and RSVP is added to the flyer. Anne Merna will send out to membership and keep track of headcount for Tinkers Son Restaurant.

Event to be held Friday, November 12, 2010.

Welcome Committee – No report

Steve Lynch moved to accept all reports.

Hugh Spurway seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Barstow Trust Issue

Steve Lynch referenced past notes and reminded the BOD that Tom Poor was to draft a letter to Barstow Trust stating Barque Hill Association has no further interest unless the Town of Norwell desires to make it a 'free' transaction, thereby waiving all tax obligations.

Again, it was agreed that Tom Poor will draft the letter to the Selectmen, Steve Lynch would edit the letter and send it.

ByLaws Committee – No report

Hugh Spurway noted that there is nothing to report from the Bylaws Committee. Steve Lynch noted that any/all ideas should be forwarded to Hugh. Tom Flynn and Steve Lynch are to work with Hugh Spurway on this initiative.

Barque Hill Median Strip/Entryway Project

Hugh Spurway contacted 4-5 local nurseries, Kennedy, Wyman, Tomasi, Seoane. Two other nurseries did not respond to his request for information. Tomasi and Seoane came to the sight and assessed the area. Kennedy and Wyman knew the strip so did not feel it necessary to visit.

All said to use pine needles as a base. All said grass will not grow. All said to use plants that fit into the area and reflect the vegetation of the neighborhood.

Hugh showed plans done by Tomasi – a large landscape print.

Tom Poor said we have funds to do Phase 1 of a project as the money is there to be spent.

Landscape plans will be shown at the 'Tis the Season Social on November 12 , Tinkers Son Restaurant, to introduce event attendees to the concept of spending money to revitalize the two entrances to the Barque Hill neighborhood.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dan Uhlman suggested making a REAL entryway at the beginning of Barque Hill Drive by making a stone wall with a granite top, updating the existing rock with the ship. Discussion followed of investigating the cost of this project but keeping the work low key and fitting for the area.

Dan Uhlman moved to install a soccer net at Shipyard Park. He suggested that instead of the existing backstop at ShipYard Park he would put in some wooden posts and a soccer net as children today are more into soccer than baseball. This inclusion would make better use of the existing Park asset.

Bob Ashley seconded the motion, not to exceed \$250 budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIOS pole work. Steve Lynch noted that this is scheduled for the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stickers for cars to be given to residents after they pay their dues.

Hugh makes motion to give out stickers to paying residents, repeating a motion made at a previous meeting.

Tom Poor moved to table the issue.

Kevin Bedford seconded the motion to table for the present time.

Motion carried unanimously.

Canoe usage at Shipyard Park: Brief discussion of the issue. BOD decided to discuss this later, in early spring.

Tom Flynn made a Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Dan Uhlman will host the next meeting, in February, 2011.

Respectively submitted,

Rosemary Spurway, Co-secretary