

The Directors met on Monday, August 21, to review a number of items including plans for the upcoming picnic on September 16.

### **Real Estate in Barque Hill**

Anne Merna, a longtime resident and prominent Reavis broker was invited for an overview of our real estate valuations. She noted that although prices in Norwell have recently risen, ours have perhaps not risen as much due to many buyers' preference for modern conveniences and housing found elsewhere. She also noted that appearance-wise, the best improvement we could make as an Association would be to the Barque Hill median which is usually the first impression for many prospective buyers.

### **Finances**

Tom Poor, Treasurer, reported that the Association continues to receive the strong support of home owners. Last fiscal year ending 4/30/17, 95 of 108 owners paid voluntary dues. Our current balance at Rockland Trust is ~\$23,000 which enables us to meet all our anticipated expenses as well as plan improvements to such needs as the aforementioned median. Josh Dinneen suggested we incorporate PayPal into our dues payment options. Full financial details are on the web site.

### **Web site and List serv**

Steve Lynch was thanked for his work on our web site ([www.barquehill.org](http://www.barquehill.org)) and plans to work with Josh Dinneen and Andrew Yahner on further improvements including Facebook and Twitter. New residents are added to our Google list serv roster which has been an important method of communication to all residents.

### **Picnic**

We are in good shape for the picnic. Steve will put out a flier, and Anne will arrange for reminders a few days before at the entrances to Barque Hill and Till Rock. Arrangements have been made for jumpers, pony rides, face painting & balloons, hay rides, a portable potty, tables and food. Krissy Oliver has arranged the rebuilding of the fire pit with grill covers to come. Some landscaping and trimming in Shipyard Park will probably be done before the picnic.

### **Speeding**

A constant concern – speeding - was voiced once more. There are a few signs noting the suggested 20 mph speed limit in Barque Hill but all of us are probably guilty of going faster at one time or another. Road bumps are against town rules and signs don't seem to make a strong impression. Perhaps the best measure at the moment are individual boy signs. Several residences already have them.

### **Winter Stakes**

Each December Hugh Spurway and Tom Poor have lined the median with wooden stakes with reflectors to help guard the median from snow plows. Sooner or later, many are broken or

pulled out, necessitating repairs. Tom questioned whether we ought to continue each winter, but a strong sense of the meeting was that the stakes were important to continue.

### **Landscaping & Grounds**

Over the years, much effort has been expended to make the median more attractive. It was suggested that we look into contracting with a skilled landscaping firm to review the whole median structure – plantings, trees, grass and natural ground cover – and perhaps hire this firm to oversee and maintain the median. We would also like to hear of suggestions for the Till Rock area. A Committee will be formed to move forward.

### **Directors**

We are currently without a President as Poppy Troupe has moved. Dan Uhlman, a Director, has also moved. We welcome interest from any resident in becoming a Director and encourage any suggestions or comments.

Bryan Albonesi

Kevin Bedford

Josh Dinneen

Steve Lynch

Krissy Oliver

Tom Poor, Treasurer

Hugh Spurway

Andrew Yahner