

Tavistock Civic Association Meeting
Minutes of October 12, 2011
740 Taunton Road, 7:30 PM

Attended by Don Thureau, Maryann McConnell, Tony Paladinetti, Frank Maderich, Dick Johnson, Dave Gazzillo, Carol Roth, Michele Borzio, Charlotte Rouviere & Meg Campbell

Treasurer's Report

Tony Paladinetti presented the treasurer's report as of October 12, 2011. Dues collection for Fiscal Year 2011 totals \$5,655.00. There are 17 homes with outstanding dues. Tony anticipates that most of the outstanding dues will be collected by the end of the month. The current cash balance is \$13,012.66. See attached treasurer's report for a list of receipts and expenditures.

Deed Restrictions

There was only one recent proposal to the deed restriction committee. Dave Gazzillo reported that exterior changes to the property at 609 Kilburn Road were submitted to the committee and approved by the Board. Information on Deed Restrictions is available in the TCA directory. Proposed exterior changes must be submitted to the Deed Restriction Committee and approved by the Board before construction begins.

Street Tree Committee

Frank Maderich gave an overview of the history of the Tree Committee and the grant process. In many previous years, we received matching grants from the State. There was no grant this year since the State of Delaware limited the grants to municipalities. Kerns Brothers has been awarded the contract for tree maintenance this year, mainly the removal of dead wood and four trees. If you have any questions about street tree maintenance, planting, or removal, please contact the Tree Committee chair, Frank Maderich at 478-5798. Information on the preservation of Tavistock's trees can be found in the TCA directory.

Block Party

Approximately 150-200 participants from Tavistock and Edenridge 3 enjoyed music, food, games and fellowship at our annual Fall Block Party. Thank you to all the committee members who organized the event, including Denise Taylor, Tracey Mulveny, Lori Scarpaci, Karen Bifferato & Tara Agne. This year Edenridge 3 contributed by renting the moon bounce and an Edenridge 3 homeowner donated two kegs of beer. A Tavistock homeowner contributed the lawn signs advertising the event and, of course, many participating homeowners brought food, water, soda, juice, tables, coolers, etc. to the block party. A first-time event was having a Mr. Softee ice cream truck give out free ice cream. Thank you to all volunteers!

Halloween Party

Edenridge 3 is hosting the annual pre-trick-or-treat event at 705 Westcliff Road, 5:30-6:30 PM on October 31. Flyers were distributed and RSVP is requested.

Wawa

Construction is expected to begin in the spring at the Quality Inn site on Garden of Eden Road/202 intersection.

Pilot School

The developer of the Columbia Place Project is expected to resume effort on of his record plan in November. Frank Maderich reported that Pilot School purchased the property they were interested in on Woodlawn Road, behind the Red Lobster. Construction on the current school property is expected in 2-3 years.

Traffic Circle

The upkeep and appearance of the traffic circles has been a recurrent theme. Don Thureau shared a 2007 TCA proposal on the landscape and maintenance concerns addressed by the civic association. After review of past minutes/proposals, the board will have more discussion at an upcoming meeting.

Speeding

Michele Borzio reported an increase in speeding on Mt. Lebanon Road and a decrease in county police speed checkpoints/stops. This is most likely the result of limited county resources. We encourage all residents to contact Sr. Corporal Amy Kevis, NCC Community Police Officer, for community concerns. Her direct line is 395-8059.

Michele also expressed safety concerns for the children at bus stops on Mt. Lebanon Road, specifically the intersection of Mt. Lebanon and Severn Roads. There is an inordinate amount of outside traffic that use Severn as a cut-thru to Pilot School and the JCC and many of the drivers do not abide the speed limit. Michele suggested the addition of a stop sign on Severn and Burnley Roads and white lines to stop at Mt. Lebanon. DelDot will be contacted by Frank Maderich as well as Sr. Corporal Amy Kevis.

Maryann McConnell noted that the bus stops were safer for neighborhood children when the stops were in the neighborhood instead of on Mt. Lebanon Road. She urged concerned parents to contact their school board to move the stops off the much-traveled Mt. Lebanon Road.

Directory

Tracey Mulveny is working on a new directory with new software to expedite changes for future additions. Thank you Tracey for all your hard work. If you do not want your email address in the directory but would like to receive TCA information via email from our president, please contact Don Thureau. Don periodically sends out association updates via email as well as maintaining our website with current and pertinent news in the community.

Area C Rep

The board is looking for a representative for Area C. The commitment is generally 1 year although most board members are encouraged to stay for 2-3 years. Duties include dues collection and approximately 4 meetings a year.

Area A

Marty Tilley has retired as Area A rep after 20+ years of service. Carol & Jeffrey Roth are our new Area A representatives. The board welcomed Carol to our meeting.

President & Treasurer

Please contact Don Thureau, current president, if you have an interest in the president position for Fiscal Year 2012. A new Treasurer has been identified and will be nominated at our Annual Meeting usually held in March.

DSWA Shredding Event

On October 29 from 8-12, there is a DSWA paper shredding and electronic recycling event program at the Concord Mall (Behind Best Buy). To learn more about these types of events, visit www.dswa.com.

Medicine Cabinet Clean-out Day

The Drug Enforcement Agency is sponsoring a Medicine Take Back event on October 29, 2011 from 10-2. This event provides an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. You should never flush medications down the toilet or throw them away in the trash. Shipley Manor Nursing Home is the closest drop-off site in our area.

Fall Leaves Clean-Up

Residents are advised to keep leaves and debris clear of storm drains and easements while doing their fall cleanup.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 7:30 PM at the home of Don Thureau, 740 Taunton Road. All are welcome!

Respectfully submitted by,
Maryann McConnell, Secretary

**Tavistock Civic Association
Budget/Treasurer's Report
FY 2011-2012**

As Of October 12, 2011

Description	2011 Budget	FY 2011 YTD	2010 Actual
Dues Collection	6,420.00	5,655.00	6,285.00
Back Dues Collected		45.00	45.00
DelDot Snow Reimbursement Program			2,383.69
Legal Expenses Reimbursed Special			1,151.00
Tree Program Reimbursement FY 2010	4,121.50	4,294.00	259.00
Total Receipts	10,541.50	9,994.00	10,123.69
Expenditures			
Talleyville Fire Hall Annual Meeting	50.00		50.00
Annual Meeting Signs	53.00		13.00
Circle Maintenance -KLS	614.00	418.00	499.00
Website Hosting	15.00		14.88
Copying & Supplies Reimbursements	100.00	180.01	28.86
Civic League for NCC dues	25.00	25.00	25.00
CCOBH dues	25.00	25.00	25.00
Block Party Expenses	900.00	806.77	820.77
TCA Directory Printing	225.00		-
Franchise Tax	25.00		25.00
Snow Removal Contract	1,820.00		1,820.00
Snow Removal Additional Billing 2009	-		910.00
Tree Maintenance Service @\$25/home	3,500.00		260.00
Tree Maintenance FY 2010	6,268.00	6,503.00	
Legal Expenses (Pilot School)	-		1,754.32
Flowers Community Relations			59.48
Bank Fees	10.00	24.00	29.85
Total Expenditures	13,630.00	7,981.78	6,335.16
Net Change in Cash	(3,088.50)	2,012.22	3,788.53
Beginning Cash Balance a/o 4/1/2011	11,000.44		
End Cash Balance a/o 10/12/2011	13,012.66		
Projected Cash Balance a/o 3/31/2012	8,129.44		
Dues Outstanding - 17 Homes			