

Tavistock Civic Association Board Meeting
Minutes of October 13, 2010
740 Taunton Road, 7:30 PM

Attended by Don Thureau, Michele Borzio, Maryann McConnell, Tony Paladinetti, Oz Bergmann, Dave Gazzillo, Frank Maderich, Martha Tilley, Charlotte Rouviere, Meg Campbell, and Margaret Briggs

Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's report was presented by Tony Paladinetti and unanimously approved. As of 10/13/10, the combined cash of Wachovia checking account and Artisans' CD was \$11,207.04. Dues have been collected from the majority of households, totaling \$6,295.00. The Treasurer is in the process of collecting dues from 19 households still outstanding. The Board approved movement of monies from the Artisans' CD to the checking account if needed to cover expenses. The snowplow contract is expected to increase this winter, based on last year's record snowfalls.
- Meg Campbell and Don Thureau will be the voting members from TCA on CCOBH issues, if needed.
- Tony Paladinetti recommended a Standing Audit Committee that would be appointed by the President and approved by the Board. The Treasurer's books are audited annually. We would like for anyone in Tavistock familiar with bookkeeping or financial analysis to please come forward and volunteer to be an auditor which would be about one hour per year.
- The Treasurer stated that ads on the TCA website are not recommended as their use would cause additional reporting requirements that could be burdensome and expensive.

Deed Restrictions Committee

- Dave Gazzillo reported that 2 residences submitted plans to the committee regarding fences. The residence at 709 Severn Road is replacing an old split-rail fence with a new split-rail fence and has successfully completed the approval process. The residence at 714 Burnley Road decided on an invisible fence, which does not need to go through the deed restriction approval process.
- Dave brought to our attention complaints of exposed cable and/or phone wires that are the result of work done by Verizon or Comcast. If you notice exposed above-ground wires for over a week with no satisfaction from the cable or phone company, please email Dave at dave.gazzillo@bankofamerica.com.
- There was discussion regarding whether the display of lawn signs is a violation of our deed restrictions. The committee will consult the TCA zoning chair, Mary Lou Gagliano, and report back at the next Board meeting.

Street Tree Committee

- Frank Maderich reported that the tree committee received a grant of \$3,633.00. Kerns Brothers has been awarded the contract to complete the tree work. The focus this year will be trees on Mt. Lebanon and Taunton Roads. You can call or email Frank with your specific tree removal concerns at 302-478-5798 or maderfa@verizon.net. Congratulations to our hardworking street tree committee for not only writing a successful grant, but also for the volunteer hours they contribute to partially match the funds. Kerns Brothers is expected to complete the street tree work between November 1, 2010 and April 1, 2011.

Pilot School

- Tony Paladinetti, Nancy Hannigan, and Ron Richardson continue to periodically review land use files pertaining to the Pilot School project. There has been no new activity to report.

Block Party

- A warm thanks to Kathy Samworth for her many years as chair of the Block Party. Kathy is stepping down next year but will pass the reins to a block party committee, including co-chairs Karen Bifferato & Lori Scarpaci and members Tracey Mulveny, Denise Taylor and Tara Agne.
- The Halloween Party on October 31 will be hosted by Edenridge 3 resident, Tara Agne.

Welcoming Committee

- Welcome to Stephen, Erin and Harry Winchell, 703 Severn Road
- Welcome to Tom and Margaret Briggs, 627 Kilburn Road and new Area F reps
- Welcome to Neil and Margie Craver, 714 Burnley Road
- Welcome to Rob, Eileen and Ian Measley, 616 Kilburn Road

Asphalt/Road Concerns

- The fire hydrant near the intersection of Severn and Mt. Lebanon Roads has been leaking water onto Mt. Lebanon Road for several weeks. Dave Gazzillo called Wilmington Water Works and was told they are aware of the water problem and will fix it before cold weather sets in.
- Dave further mentioned that cracks or “alligating” has been noted on the circles at Severn and Kilburn/Taunton Roads. Dave will check on road repair status with representative Dennis Williams.

Emails/Flyers

- TCA President Don Thureau reported that only 20% of residents open their emails on TCA-related correspondence. Minutes will continue to be printed and put in the mailboxes.

Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday, January 19 @ 7:30 PM, 740 Taunton Road

Respectfully submitted by,
Maryann McConnell, Secretary

(Treasurer’s Report is password-protected on the Tavistock website and only available to Tavistock residents using the following password: **GreatPlace2Live**)