

**Tavistock Civic Association Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 21, 2009**

**Attendance:** D. Thureau, C. Rouviere, M. Tilley, M. Campbell, H. Palmatary, N. Keiper, O. Bergmann, F. Maderich, D. Gazzillo, M. McConnell

**Meeting was called to order:** at 7:20 p.m. Minutes from the previous May 13, 2009 Board meeting had already been approved by e-mail.

● **Treasurer's Report**

■ **Assets:**

- Wachovia checking account = \$7,628.62  
(\$10,329.31 minus disbursements of \$2,700.69)
- Artisans Savings bank CD (matures 1/6/10) = \$5,162.10
- Total Tavistock C.A. assets = \$12,790.72

- Dues collection Report: As of 10/21/09, dues had been collected from 142 homeowners. Four homeowners have not paid dues. Board discussed taking measures to collect back dues owed the Association.
- As always, details of receipts and disbursements are available to Tavistock homeowners upon request by contacting your Area Representative (check Tavistock Directory-page 2-for list of Area Reps.).

● **Committee Reports**

- **Deed Restrictions:** A homeowner on Taunton has made improvements to the swale behind his home. Inspection of the work done suggests that the improvements are not in violation of TCC deed restrictions.
- **Welcoming:** Welcome committee chair Rich Costello is stepping down and looking for a replacement. Anyone interested in becoming the new welcome committee chair, or being on the committee, can contact Don Thureau. New neighbors on Taunton Rd. and Aldham Court have been welcomed by their neighbors.
- **Street Trees:** Due to an application error, Tavistock did not receive a grant this year. There is still \$3,500 available for tree work. Stein has been contracted to do this fall's work, which will be done in November/December. Work will include a small section of Burnley, all of Kilburn and a few trees on Severn.

● **Old Business**

- **Tavistock Website:** Tavistockcivic.com is up and running. Tavistock residents are encouraged to visit the site to keep up with neighborhood news and find useful information.
- **Pilot School relocation:** A general meeting was held on October 19 to discuss the status of the project. Developer Jerry Heisler invited residents to attend another general meeting at Pilot School on Thursday, October 29 at 7pm. Next steps include the Planning Board/Land Use hearing on Nov. 3, the Board of Adjustments meeting on Nov. 5 and the Planning Board/Land Use business meeting on Nov. 17. All of these meetings are public, and residents are allowed to speak. Because the developer has indicated that he would be willing to negotiate with the neighborhood, the Working Group has asked the TCC for the authority to represent Tavistock in negotiations. A motion was proposed, and the board agreed to vote after consulting with the neighborhood's legal advisor. Information about developments on the issue is available on the website. For suggestions or questions, please contact Frank Maderich.
- **Block Party and Halloween Party:** The block party was a success, although the music was missed! Thanks to Kathy Samworth for organizing the event, and to all who helped out. Halloween party was scheduled for October 31 from 5pm to 6pm at 705 Westcliff Rd.
- **Road repairs at Severn and Taunton Roads:** Repairs were made to parts of Severn and Taunton. New areas of "alligatoring" have been noted in the neighborhood. However, due to budgetary restraints for Delaware, no further follow-up will be pursued other than monitoring by TCC Area Reps.
- **Sidewalk repairs:** Several homeowners made repairs to sidewalks this summer. Deed restrictions chair Dave Gazzillo will be soliciting bids for repairs, and will make the information available to residents. Residents are urged to inspect their sidewalks and repair hazardous areas.
- **Leaf collection:** The Board discussed the possibility of coordinating leaf collection for the neighborhood. Don Thureau will be seeking bids. The concept: Interested homeowners would be given a date for pick-up, and would rake their leaves to the curb just prior to the date. The leaf removal service would vacuum up leaves and collect a fee directly from the homeowner. There would be 1-3 pick-up dates.

● **New Business**

- **Speaker idea for Annual Meeting:** The Board discussed inviting Bill Parsons, administrator of the Brandywine Valley Baptist Church to speak briefly at the annual meeting. No decision to be made until the next Board meeting.
- **Tavistock Directory:** The new directory should be ready by Halloween. Thanks to Tracy Mulveny for her efforts.
- **Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on January 20, 2010 at the President's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Meg Campbell, Area B Rep.