

Barque Hill Association Board of Directors Meeting

March 15, 2011

7:30 p.m. at the Uhlman home

Attendees:

John Garvey, Steve Lynch, Dan Uhlman, Tom Poor, Hugh Spurway, Eric Thorbahn, Ken Williams, Kevin Bedford, Anne Merna, Tom Flynn, Rosemary Spurway

Meeting called to order by Steve Lynch, President, at 7:45 p.m.

HOUSEKEEPING:

1. Move to waive the reading of the previous meeting minutes from the October 26, 2010 meeting.
Motion made by Steve Lynch, seconded by Anne Merna and carried unanimously.
2. Move to accept the minutes of the last meeting.
Motion made by Anne Merna, seconded by John Garvey and carried unanimously.

As a general matter of discussion, Steve Lynch suggests that the Board of Directors remain the same group for the sake of continuity. Brief discussion as to whether Board members had signed on for two years or one year.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Presented by Tom Poor. To date, 76 of the 107 Association members have paid dues. Both the first and second notices have been sent. We are budgeting assuming 85 members paying.

The list of members who have not paid was distributed and discussion regarding how to handle the remaining folks followed. Steve Lynch had phone contacted the non-paying members and a high number apologized and said they intended to pay. PO Box numbers were noted and corrected. Deceased members were noted. Anne Merna noted that she has sent out the third dues notice and will re-send to the limited number of members who have not yet paid.

Brief discussion of potentially including the residents of Stetson Road whose properties abut Till Rock and Barque Hill Drive as part of the Barque Hill Membership. Hugh Spurway will look at map of Barque Hill development to see if they are part of the Association membership. If so, this would represent more incoming dues, a positive thing in light of proposed upcoming improvement expenses.

Anne Merna, Secretary, will resend the Dues invoice again to all on the list.

Hugh Spurway moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Anne Merna seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dan Uhlman deferred and will report on specific Old Business later in the meeting.

Hugh Spurway deferred and will report on specific Old Business items later in the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Grounds Committee

General discussion that following a difficult winter the common areas are a mess. We should get quotes to clean up Barque Hill Drive and other common lands.

There is a large leaning tree on the Barque Hill strip between Barque Hill Drive and Till Rock. Steve Lynch will walk this common strip with Hugh Spurway to ascertain if there is a dangerous condition. Till Rock Park is very unsightly with downed branches and trees. Discussion that if we pile up the debris, the Town might pick up the piles. Hugh Spurway will check on this and report to the President.

John Garvey mentioned that the rhododendron at the entrance to Barque Hill Drive is old, tired, leggy and unsightly. It needs to be cut back or replaced. Brief mention of the Tomasi drawings that addressed this issue.

Hugh Spurway volunteered to get quotes for mowing the common areas. Kevin Bedford stated that we do not need grass cut weekly. Discussion that we can get a quote for weekly and bi-weekly mowing, but that the landscaping companies do not want to work on an ad-hoc basis.

Bob Ashley began to work on Barque Hill Drive cleanup, as did Steve Lynch. Joel Shepherd removed some of the piles of branches and twigs. Much more work needs to be done.

Hugh Spurway noted that he will ensure the Tomasi sketches that show the possible improvements to the entries at both Barque Hill Drive and Till Rock are emailed to John Garvey so that John can post to the BH website.

Steve Lynch will remind Joel Shepherd of his offer to allow the clean up crew working at ShipYard Park to utilize his hoses when burning.

Tom Flynn and Dan Uhlman expressed continued interest in installing a soccer net at ShipYard Park for the children to use in the spring/summertime. Must get area cleaned up first.

Beautification Committee

Tom Poor stated that Jessie Chai and Kelly and Bob Ashley put up the Christmas wreaths, removed them and they have plans to plant flowers when the weather improves and the common area cleanup is completed.

Social Committee

By unanimous show of hands, the BOD directed the Social Committee chairs, Anne Merna and Rosemary Spurway, to plan and execute a third Adult Social Event at Tinkers Son either late May or early June. Rosemary will contact Tinkers Son and forward potential dates to Steve Lynch for his review. BOD desires a Friday night early, noting once the band starts, it is hard to hear.

Rosemary Spurway will distribute a Save the Date to the membership within a few weeks after President Steve Lynch approves copy.

Welcome Committee – No Report

Steve Lynch moved to accept all reports. Rosemary Spurway seconded and motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Steve Lynch moved that the BOD table any further discussion regarding the Barstow Trust Land issue, noting that the Town of Norwell has expressed zero interest in supporting our request for relief on the taxes.

Motion seconded by John Garvey and carried unanimously until further notice.

By-Laws Committee

Hugh Spurway noted that there has been no progress but that he will address it with the other committee members' support. Tom Flynn and Steve Lynch are to work with Hugh on this initiative.

Land Cleanup specific to Barque Hill Drive and Shipyard Park

Hugh Spurway suggested that we see how much money is left over after the winter clean-up efforts before we decide to attack the Barque Hill Median Strip/Entryway Project.

Community Boating

Kevin Bedford noted that he can build a rack to hold a few canoes which could be used by the Association members. Kevin volunteered to house his canoe there for Association members to freely use.

Discussion ensued regarding potential liability. John Garvey stated that we should mandate users of canoes must sign a waiver upon being given a key to the boat lock. Eric Thorbahn noted that this is a

good reason to keep the keys under tight control. If a key is given, there must be a waiver. Keys can only be given to the adult member, not any children or teenagers. BOD noted that we should have a professional/legal opinion on the potential liability and how to avoid any problem.

Kevin Bedford volunteered his wife to review the issue and proffer advice.

Keys to Shipyard Park

BOD recalled that Joel Shepherd, not present, was responsible for making keys and distributing to BOD members who needed one. John Garvey needs a key. Anne Merna noted that she has many old keys that were left in her home when she bought it and she will give her old keys to Steve Lynch to possibly decipher what the keys go to.

NEW BUSINESS:

Andrew Sage, Till Rock Lane, resigned from the BOD.

Annual Meeting: Date of the Annual Meeting will be Wednesday May 4 at 7:00 p.m. Tom Poor will reserve the Church Hill Methodist Church Hall for this meeting. The next BOD meeting will follow the Annual Meeting where the slate of officers will be elected.

Steve Lynch noted that if anyone else wishes to assume the Presidency he will happily support the new candidate. Short of that, he expressed hope that the existing Board of Directors would re-up and maintain their status and service for a second year. He recognized the Board's accomplishments, thanked the board for the hours served, and expressed hope that the generosity of the existing board will continue for another term.

Steve Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. John Garvey seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Steve Lynch noted special thanks to the Uhlmans for their hospitality and for hosting this BOD meeting.

Ken Williams volunteered to host the first meeting following the Annual Meeting in early May.

Respectively submitted,

Rosemary Spurway, Secretary