



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 24th, 2022 7:00pm

Noting quorum of the board, the meeting was called to order at 7:08p.m.

Board Members Present: Anthony DePalma, Veerat Kalaria, David Orr, Eddy Rodriguez, Russ Simpkins, Jonathan Thomas.

Finance Committee: (Eddy Rodriguez)

- ❖ Monthly updates
 - Reserves are healthy, over FDIC limits in a single account, will split into 2 accounts to maintain FDIC protections.

Landscape Committee: (Anthony DePalma)

- ❖ Old Business
 - Pergola install - Ready order, still need quotes from a stone mason for the footings. Do we want a walkway to the pergola from the bridge?
 - GOF trail clean-up - Both trails all cleaned up and billed.
 - Pond clean-up - Early Spring will review all trees, expecting to prune back the area around the pond and trail.
- ❖ Monthly updates
 - Gate house is not in great shape. There is rotting exterior siding and trim, and it needs fresh paint. David Orr will get a couple of quotes and the board will review in April.
 - Fence and pump-house power washing - Have a quote from Transclean to wash non-resident wood & vinyl fencing. Need someone from Gallagher septic to inspect pump houses before pressure washing in March to make sure we are ok to clean.
 - GOF Spring clean-up day - Earth Day, walk around cleanup day? We have people interested in volunteering.
 - Pond light replacement/repair - Probably the photovoltaic sensor is dead. Or possibly the LED bulb is dead. Mike Blake has helped with these in the past.
 - Light post bulb replacement - Main green are our responsibility, eversource maintains the rest that have a yellow sticker.
- ❖ Questions/issues

David motioned to spend up to \$2,000 to powerwash non-resident fences and pump houses, Anthony seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Eddy:yes, David:yes, Jonathan:yes, Anthony: yes, Russ: yes, Brian:not present and Veerat:yes. The Motion passed.

David amended the motion to wait until we get and review a 2nd quote for ALL fencing along the roadways, notably this includes the resident fencing along the entry area.

Anthony seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Eddy:yes, David:yes, Jonathan:yes, Anthony: yes, Russ: yes, Brian:not present and Veerat:yes. The Motion passed.

ARB Committee: (Brian Lindwall-Thomas)

- ❖ Old Business
 - Shed removal – Anthony to get estimate for removal
 - Solar – Brian to contact legal and investigate the process for approval. Nothing new to report.
- ❖ Monthly updates
 - ARB has a Position vacancy - Will send out a constant contact asking for volunteers
- ❖ Questions/issue
 - Resident asked for more details regarding solar. Russ explained that historically the ARB has not allowed solar panels, but thanks to advances in technology Brian is trying to change that policy, and right now is trying to figure out if the town will even allow it.
 - Brakeman's fence - Anthony feels like it is the board's responsibility to repair it since a previous board paid for installing the original. A discussion followed and the board agreed to consider the matter further in the April meeting.
 - After discussing the fencing repair issue David amended the previous motion so that the board can research what the maintenance burden would be for all street-side fencing.

Septic Committee: (Russ Simpkins)

- ❖ Monthly updates
 - No updates
- ❖ Questions/issue

Streets Committee: (David Orr)

- ❖ Old Business
 - Speed bump follow up - Asphalt plant closed until April 1st. David will get estimates for the April meeting.
 - Stop sign straightening and post painting - 1 estimate way too high. Can Chad dig and reset the crooked posts?
 - Can we just put new poles instead? If the foundations are in good shape.
 - We can survey them during the April Clean Up, and see what we can fix and what we need a vendor to handle.
- ❖ Monthly updates
 - Spring street sweeping - Can get a quote from Tristate.
 - Catch basin clean-out and curb repair - Tristate Cleaned out ⅔ of the remaining basins in January. Some curbs were damaged while removing grates that got paved over. Need to get a quote to repair the curbs above the catch basins.
 - Repair street cracks - Cracks have started forming on multiple streets. Tristate can hot-seal as well. Need a quote for this work too.
- ❖ Questions/issue

Website: (Eddy Rodriguez)

- ❖ Monthly updates
 - Phone number on Google search for 'Great Oak Farm' is 516-xxx-xxxx - Eddy will report bad info to google to remove this.
 - Posting of upcoming meetings - Eddy will keep the calendar up to date with meetings and the annual events.
 - Website is up-to-date and fully patched.
- ❖ Questions/issue

Social: (David Orr & Adrienne Stepkoski)

- ❖ Monthly updates
 - Easter Egg Hunt - Scheduled for Saturday April 9th, 2pm, weather permitting.
 - Adrienne can create the Earth Day Cleanup Announcement when we get closer.

Rules and Bylaws: (David Orr)

- ❖ Monthly updates
 - Resident calls/concerns - Everything is great, nothing notable to report.

Open Forum

Fences

Greg - If the board pays for the Brakeman fence repair, then the board will own all future repairs as well. Russ responded that David should consult with the Attorney since the board doesn't have Fiduciary duty.

Lori has been under the impression that her fences would be cleaned by the board since the board installed them.

Overgrown Shrubs around Equipment boxes

Last Fall Marguerite took photos of overgrown shrubs around the neighborhood. Many have been dealt with, she can resend photos to Anthony of any that still need to be addressed.

Meeting Cadence

In December we agreed on a fixed meeting cadence. David requested that we instead decide on each following meeting date at the end of the current meeting instead. The next executive board meeting will be held on **Thursday April 14th at 7pm.**

David motioned to adjourn the meeting, Russ seconded. The board voted as follows: Eddy:yes, David:yes, Jonathan:yes, Anthony: yes, Russ: yes, Brian:not present and Veerat:yes. The Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Thomas

Secretary

Jonathan motioned to ratify and approve the minutes via email vote on February 26th. The board voted as follows: Eddy:yes, David:yes, Jonathan:yes, Russ: yes, Anthony:not present, Brian:not present and Veerat:yes. The Motion passed.