

Forest Home Improvement Association

Officers meeting of FHIA, June 11, 2008

Present: Trevor Pinch, President; Michael Bend, Vice President; Harriet Brittain, Secretary;

1. Bruce Brittain's expense claim.

Officers considered a substantial bill made out to the FHIA from Bruce Brittain for expenses incurred in preparation of the TC proposal over the past 6 years. Whilst noting and approving the detail and necessity of expenses itemised, officers expressed their concern that accounts had not been settled sooner, on a year by year basis. The bill also included a portion for future spending. Whilst in agreement that the account would be settled one way or another, the officers were unclear why future spending was necessary. TP agreed to ask BB for more details on items not yet completed, and MB to contact the town to see if these items were indeed needed for a plan that is likely to change.

In the meantime TP to email BB that we would review his claims and investigate how to proceed, and give instructions not to proceed on anything that would incur expenses until given approval.

It was noted that the FHIA funds currently include \$1,800.00 designated for Traffic Calming, which would most likely be authorised for payment of Bruce's account. The rest would have to be raised.

Before authorising funds it was agreed that officers would ask Mike K-L what arrangements had been made in the past for the expenditure now being claimed for. Were the TC committee aware that a final account would be owing?

FHIA officers were keen to make sure that all products such as copies of reports and drawings resulting from the expenditure were handed over the FHIA.

It was reiterated that in future the bylaws would specify that all outstanding accounts would have to be settled within the fiscal year. A call for any outstanding bills would go out at the end of the fiscal year.

2. & 3. Town Planning Board meeting

Recent email from Don Rakow announcing that the Plantations Welcome Center proposal and tGEIS were to be raised at the Town Planning Board meeting on June 17th. MB agreed to attend the meeting and raise FH concerns about traffic and parking issues for the Welcome Center. MB to ask DR to make an initial comment about our traffic worries

4. Todd Bittner

A letter of introduction had been received from Todd Bittner, the new Natural Areas Manager at Cornell, which included reporting on deer management and the Wild Flower Garden fence. It was felt that no action was necessary at present. MB and TP would be happy to meet with him in August.

5. Noise

Update on plan to set a meeting on noise with Cornell to resolve FH questions about decibel measuring raised by the Brittaines.

6. Email list update.

Despite concerns raised by some residents that they were not receiving FH email (due to a past mistake), it was felt that the email list is as up to date as it can be. No action necessary at the moment. An option to hand deliver the annual meeting flyer with an form to update email addresses was discussed.

7. Next meeting to be in August.

8. AOB

A reminder to ask AV for an updated treasurers report, and make sure that the annual contribution to the chapel is paid.