

Forest Home Improvement Association Officers Meeting

November 18, 2009

Minutes

Those in attendance : Michael Bend, Drew Noden, Bill Arms, Trevor Pinch, Beth Kelly

President Michael Bend called the Nov. officers meeting to order in his home at 7:05.

Agenda:

1. Welcome to new officers, review of procedures and routines and review of Oct. Annual Meeting:

Beth was updated on secretary's duties, and officers' duties were reviewed for everyone.

Duties were divided among the officers.

Bill will work on upcoming issues with the Upstream Bridge Renovation.

Trevor will address ancillary noise from Cornell. Steve Beyers is contact person from Cornell studying decibel levels that exceed a certain percentage above the accepted level for background noise. Beth will assist with data on noise.

Beth will organize a much requested music event to take place at the Chapel (most likely) and ask Ed Gobrecht to give an informal talk on Forest Home. Bruce Brittain will give his walk and talk in April.

Issues of rental properties and regulations on such properties were discussed. Agreed : we can only investigate if there are violations to code, etc.

2. Update on Phase 2 Traffic Calming:

Michael will contact Rich DePaulo, chair of the Town Planning Committee regarding presenting Phase 2 recommendations to that committee. Michael and Drew had presented these recommendations at the April meeting of the Town Public Works Committee hearing, but that committee decided that the appropriate starting point was the Planning Committee.

3. FHIA Directory of Residents

The Forest Home Directory will be updated. Each household will receive a leaflet to fill out residence info. Leafletters (those distributing the leaflets) have been assigned for each street; once the leaflets are returned the directory will be updated by the secretary.

Agreed: the website directory will not require a password in the future. Those who do not wish to have their personal contact information on the site will not be listed. The purpose of the leaflet is to gather permission to be listed as well as resident and renter's addresses and phone numbers. Michael is coordinating leafletters.

4. Update on Phase 2 Traffic Calming:

Michael will contact Rich DePaulo, chair of planning committee, regarding presenting at Public Works Committee meeting. Michael and Drew presented report at April meeting.

5. Report on meeting re: gas drilling regulations

Bill Arms made succinct notes on the gas drilling meeting he attended on November 5th. December 31st is the deadline for voicing an opinion on the impact of gas drilling. Bill's conclusions: the environmental impact statement lacks conclusiveness in its report, but Tompkins Co. is being very thorough in studying the draft and preparing their response. The (dSGEIS) draft report can be viewed at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/47554.html>

6. Holiday Party. Date set for Dec. 20th from 2:00 - 5:00. We are still looking for a house to host.

7. Schedule of Officers Meetings for the year:

Meetings will take place every other month.

Jan.: week of 17th-23

March: week of 7th-13th

April: week of 25th-30th

June: week of 13th-19th

Sept.: TBD

Annual open meeting in October

The meeting adjourned at 8:10. All left in good spirits and felt satisfied with the results.

Thanks to President Michael Bend for keeping us all on topic and ending in timely fashion.