

Forest Home Improvement Association Officers Meeting

April 26th, 2010

Minutes

Those in attendance : Michael Bend, Bill Arms, Bruce and Doug Brittain, Beth Kelly, Trevor Pinch, Peter Stein, David Gross, Ed Oyer, and Bruce Bates and Rod Howe from the Planning Board. President Michael Bend called the meeting to order at the Chapel shortly after 7:00.

Agenda:

1. News from the Planning Board:

Bruce Bates (Code Enforcement officer for the Town of Ithaca) spoke briefly about Town regulations regarding the number of unrelated occupants living in one residence. He said if FHIA had any concerns they could be voiced through him. (See the PDF, [Ithaca_zoning_regulations_section_325-8](#), accompanying these minutes online.) There was discussion on the resubmitted proposal to the State of recommendations for 25 foot entrances (curb to curb) at the top of Pleasant Grove Rd. instead of 21 ft. This would accommodate a bike lane of four feet. The plans await approval from the State. Peter Stein reported on the public meeting results of the Hanshaw Rd. calming/sidewalk initiative. Walking accessibility is the goal for the extension of Hanshaw Rd., which raised complaints about trees to be removed and eminent domain to provide for sidewalks. Construction is slated to begin next year with sidewalks stretching from Community Corners to Salem Dr. Also, sidewalks will extend from Warren Rd. & Hanshaw up to DeWitt Middle School. A traffic light is on the agenda as well for the Warren/Hanshaw 4-way stop.

2. Reducing TCAT on Judd Falls Rd.:

David Gross reported that requests went out to the Planning Group for reducing TCAT routes on Judd Falls Rd. Results from these requests included the elimination of the Groton route going through Forest Home and the smaller bus size of the #41. The Dairy Bar stop is the reason the engineers chose using Pleasant Grove Rd. over Cradet Farm Rd., thus still making Judd Falls necessary for this route. The #31 is still the most frequent line to use Judd Falls Rd. and cross the bridge.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Bill Arms announced that the debt owed Bruce Brittain has been paid. The Chapel dues for 2010 have also been paid. The tax position for Community Associations (501C4) with an E-post card at the year's end will be submitted.

4. Traffic Calming:

Plans have been submitted from January and February meetings for moving the entrance feature of Pleasant Grove Rd. to accommodate bikes, etc. Michael, Bruce and Doug met with Board Planners about the recommendations for 25 ft. entrances (curb to curb) at the top of Pleasant Grove Rd. instead of 21 ft. This would accommodate a bike lane of four feet. The plans await approval of funds from the

State. There is a pre-bid meeting before summer. Bids will start thereafter. Stone pillars with lamp posts will be erected as well.

5. Deer Control:

News from Jay Boulanger about deer sterilization: 5 successfully sterilized; 77 deer were rounded up; 17 were lost to vehicular collisions.

5. Community Events:

Bruce's History walk was a huge success with over 20 people in attendance. Spring cleanup was also a big success and refreshments were served at the end at the Chapel. **Thank you to spring cleanup volunteers!**

6. Upcoming Events:

May 22 is the date for a Community Music Event at the Chapel. The organizer for this is Beth Kelly. The annual Block Party will take place at the end of September. The plan is to use the street and block off the bridge and avoid using the little park adjacent to the bridge due to the one-day event insurance fee of \$150.00. Using someone's lawn and garden for the party is being considered as well. Town of Ithaca gave use of blockades for the roads in the past. The projected date is September 11 with a rain date of September 18.

7. Adjournment:

FHIA has a Facebook page! (thanks to Michael Bend) It is accumulating fans!

The next meeting is scheduled for June 7.