

FHIA Officer's Meeting

June 12, 2012 (rescheduled from May 23, 2012)

Present: All Officers except the Treasurer, who is out of town.

Old business (30 min)

1. Letter to Groton – Hydrofracking outreach. Board agreed to send to Groton the letter as drafted emphasizing impact of potential hydrofracking on the environment, and especially the water supply.
2. Park proposal: Final changes and approval.
 - a. The Board discussed the proposal, including the potential for native landscaping as a natural area and the removal of invasive species via volunteer work.
 - b. There was also talk of pruning back only trails within the park space.
 - c. The Board inquired into the terms of the Cornell/Town lease for the small park space, which is believed to be a 99-year lease.
 - d. The Board discussed whether to submit a one-page letter soliciting the small park without proposing particular details or a 2-page letter proposing a range of ideas for the park while soliciting the same. The Board selected the 2-page version as the version to send to the Town.

Information sharing (10 min)

3. Status of speed limit petition—Has been forwarded to State
4. Jug handle developments—Teresa passed on comments from residents and received brief response from Cornell.
5. Upstream bridge—We updated the community after contact with various Town and County officials.
6. Forest Home Chapel parsonage: Open house and potential uses
7. Budget report: Brief update on funds taken in and balance
8. Key information for the Chapel

New business

9. Reducing TCAT and Charter Bus Traffic in the Neighborhood (20)

- a. David Gross made a presentation regarding buses in Forest Home. He noted the various bus routes resulting in 60-to-80 daily bus trips through Forest Home, not counting charter buses that come through.
- b. David noted that in the neighborhood survey, 60% of those who answered yes or no to the question of whether bus routes through Forest Home should be reduced answered "yes."
- c. At this meeting, broad support, with one clear opponent, was expressed for reducing bus traffic. Support was also expressed for reducing the size of buses coming through Forest home. The Board discussed whether to propose reroutings to TCAT.
- d. The Immediate Past President reports that Joe Lally at Cornell is interested in GPS and signage routing of buses via Cradit Farm Rd. (which reduces traffic through Forest Home).

10. Prioritize project list for discussion with Town. (20 min)

- a. Jon and Teresa agreed to meet with Bill Goodman to discuss the FHIA project list.
- b. The Board discussed the need for highlight short-term priorities to the Town while conveying the full long-term list. The Board proceeded to review many of the items on the project list.

11. Events: social and otherwise (10 min)

Executive session (30 min)