

FHIA Officer's Meeting

August 14, 2012

Present: All Officers

Old business

1. JFR speed limit reduction: Approved. Thank you letter to Town complete.
2. Repair of rough trail near Sackett Bridge: Project complete. Thank you letter to Plantations complete.
3. Hydro-fracking letter to Groton: Complete
4. Bus rerouting request to TCAT: Complete but no response. Teresa will follow up with TCAT for response.
5. Park proposal to Town of Ithaca: Complete but no response
6. Project review with Town of Ithaca: Review complete; waiting for August 21 Public Works meeting for discussion and follow up from Town, after Town Parks Committee makes a field trip to Forest Home.
7. Succession planning:
 - a. Nomination letter completed and distributed to Forest Home.
 - b. Review status and next steps. One nomination received so far.
 - c. Related issue: Street captain needed for Warren Rd. - to be solicited.

New business (since June meeting)

8. Infrastructure-related
 - a. Byway Meadow Fence status update, if available: awaiting update from Don Rakow at the Plantations.
 - b. Repair of upstream bridge update: Reconstruction work to commence June 2013. Temporary repairs have been completed and leave the bridge much improved from its recent state.
 - c. Bridge Easements - Bruce spoke of his concern that the County is seeking permanent easements that could be used for a 2-lane bridge someday. The Board agreed that the Board should send a letter to property owners supporting their choice of a temporary rather than permanent easement. Ari to circulate draft letter. Letter to go to property owners only; not County or Town.

- d. Sustainable Tompkins mini-grants - Elizabeth spoke in favor of seeking grant to fund features in small park. Jon stated his belief that the FHIA is premature in seeking funds for a theoretical park to which the Town has not yet consented. Ari agrees. Jon suggests that later on we might apply for a grant to fund the park design process. Teresa and the Board agree to pursue update park proposal before any grant funding.
- e. Proposal for memorial to honor Liese Bronfenbrenner - The Board stated its support for a proclamation honoring Liese for her tremendous historic contribution to the Forest Home community. Elizabeth volunteered to draft this proclamation, potentially to be presented at a neighborhood event of some kind.
- f. Brief discussion of trees on Town land doing damage to private property.

9. Neighborhood relations

- a. Block party planning - Bill to touch base with Michael Bend to initiate plans and seek road closure for appropriate day.
- b. Directory update planning - Ari will bundle into a single email all updates received this year along with the directory file. Teresa will seek community volunteer to update the directory.
- c. Annual meeting planning - the Board agreed that the annual meeting will include a President's report and an invitation to Herb Engmann so speak regarding Town-Forest Home updates.
- d. Yard sale idea
- e. Garage sale - Board agreed to solicit interest in a community garage sale.

10. Communications

- a. Missing references: Liese Bronfenbrenner's book on the fhia.org web site