

HERITAGE HILLS SOCIETY
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2019

Meeting commenced at 3:00 PM

Motions:

- Northern Construction to do the repairs to the culvert at the 3-way stop sign for the agreed contract price of \$82,000. Approved.

Dom Rubino opened the meeting and informed that Transportation has added a shuttle bus to take people home after the Society Board meetings. Meetings can also be viewed on channel 12. If you have a question and cannot attend a meeting, send us an e-mail. There are 17 people here who know pretty much everything that is going on. We are trying to make it easier for you. This is the place to get your information.

Unit Owners Speak:

Jayne Ann Stavola – 169A – Jayne would like the Society meetings at night. Jayne requested we stream the meetings on the internet. Jayne wanted to know what is going on with the 9-hole golf course. Dom responded that it is a fluid situation. We were told they were exploring several options at this time and the situation may change. We met with them at least three times asking what this means. We are concerned, there is little we can do. They don't know themselves what they are going to do. They will maintain around the structures, that's basically it.

Bill Colavido – 488B – His wife could not enter the gymnasium without an ID card; therefore, she could not play pickleball. Bill was annoyed that Security could not let her in without the ID card. Bill requested we amend the rules so Security can admit people without ID cards to enter the gym and fitness center. Dom Rubino said we would look into the situation.

Barry Moskowitz – 880A – Requested we build an additional pickleball court on the parking lot to the 9-hole golf course. Dom Rubino responded that is private property and does not belong to us.

Mike Schwartz – 675A – One Pickleball court is not enough. Mike would like Society to build a pickleball facility. We need more pickleball courts.

Jean Thompson – 42A – Any consideration for a pedestrian light going from Heritage Hills to DeCicco's? Bruce Prince responded that the town considered a crossing and a sidewalk but the traffic light is not located where they would like to do this.

Susan Statkowski-Rivalsi – 807B – Suggested a crosswalk and signage, no light to get to the DeCicco lot. Bruce Prince responded this would not be safe without a light. Susan reported more people are submitting articles to the Newsletter. If you do not receive your copy of the Newsletter by the 5th of the month, call the Somers PO.

In attendance: Gloria Anderson, Gene Archer, Annette Bensen, Christine Choka, Ed Goldfarb, Bill Harden, Bob Lundry, Jack Mattes, Mark Packer, Bruce Prince, Dom Rubino, Deica Ruiz, Richard

Tortorella. Bob Ettinger and Patricia Ploss were absent. John Milligan, Property Manager and Dave Jacobsen, Command Security Site Supervisor were also in attendance.

Dom Rubino asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of September 16, 2019 meeting. Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Harden – Cash on hand of \$959,356. Income for September was \$438,086, expenses were \$360,901. Two large bills coming up for the road paving of the West Hill to be paid in the next two months. Combined it will be more than \$300,000.

John Milligan – Property Manager – Repairs to the culvert at the 3-way stop signs. Northern Construction was the low bidder at \$82,000. Motion to approve the contract for \$82,000 with Northern Construction. Approved. Work on the new roof for the Fitness Center is scheduled to begin on November 11. Fred's Way now has LED lights. We will be adding white pines at the front entrance by the water treatment plant. We will be installing a vinyl laminate floor in room 3 at Lake Lodge.

Activities – Christine Choka, Chair – For current activities check the newsletter, the mail room, the web site. We are trying to update club records.

Art Show – Jack Mattes, Chair – The art show was terrific. Amazing talent from our residents, no two shows have been alike. We had 93 artists, 340 pieces on display and 522 guests.

Cable TV – Ed Goldfarb, Chair – Comcast will be holding their annual exhibit here in the Activities Center on October 30, from 4:30 – 7:30 PM. They will be displaying new gadgets, many giveaways, food. Effective December 10, STARZ will no longer be available and Comcast will be adding EPIX to the following packages: signature triple play, signature double play, super triple play, super double play and digital premier tier. For greater details contact Comcast at 866/478-7266. Be aware, any changes you might make could lock you into a new two-year contract.

Communications – Annette Bensen, Chair – Christine and Andrew are collecting information to be posted on the web site. Please write clearly on the form you will be submitting to the Activities Office. Working on the tennis section of the web site.

Community Affairs – Jack Mattes, Chair – Westchester County is having a Sr. Hall of Fame luncheon on December 6, 2019. This year we have three Heritage Hills seniors being inducted into the Hall of Fame, Lawrence Kaufman, Marilyn Kaufman and Terry Clifford who has served on the Society Board. About 1200 people attend this luncheon.

Fitness Center – Annette Bensen, Chair – The Fitness Center will be closed on October 24 for preventive maintenance from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Please do not throw your coats on the floor of the Fitness Center, they should be kept in the locker room only. Do not use your cell phone while on the treadmill, do not talk and walk. We do make errors walking. Jonathan and Mary are both doing body mass index information and that is still going on. Please ask them if you would like it done. If you are new to the Fitness Center you can schedule a half hour consult appointment to get an overview of the equipment and help with a plan of fitness for you. This consult appointment is free. We are looking to get some new mats. Please wear outdoor shoes that you change prior to entering the Fitness Center.

Health and Safety – Flo Brodley, Chair – Three new members to the committee, Peggy DeGasperi, Maureen Burke-Davis and Mona Moriber. 10 blood pressure screenings were taken in October, thanks to nurse Ellie Eidam. The Flu Clinic serviced 121 residents on October 2. Fluzone high-dose vaccines were the #1 request so the nurses at Northern Westchester Hospital will return for those who came at the end of the session when no more high-dose vaccine was available. Thanks to the Somers Police who collected 5 bags of unwanted and outdated medications as well as some sharps.

The Medicare Update is October 23 at 11:00 AM. Open enrollment season began last week on October 15 and runs through December 7. Our Second Annual Senior Law Day is on November 2 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. This public-private partnership of Westchester County brings lawyers, consultants and financial experts to Heritage Hills.

As always, our committee works hard to accommodate suggestions from the community, so please contact us if you are interested in a specific program.

Infrastructure – Bruce Prince, Chair – John has mentioned the major projects we are dealing with, the roof for the Fitness Center and the repairs to the culvert. Bruce was asked to inform all that early voting will take place at Somers Town Hall from October 26 through November 3. Election Day is Tuesday, November 5. On November 5 voting will be here in the Heritage Room.

Landscaping – Christine Choka, Chair – Our fall plantings went in on schedule. We hope you are pleased with the results of the plantings. October 1, we gave out canna lily tubers. Christine thanked our landscapers for doing this for us. Christine thanked the condos for planting flowers at the entrances of the cul-de-sacs. When we ride on the A and B roads we are pleasantly surprised by beautiful plantings throughout the community. We will be planting daffodils again before the end of fall. We will have more daffodils at the main entrance in the spring. The fall plantings should last a long time. We will have the white lights on the trees again for the winter season.

Library – Bruce Prince, Chair – On November 8, 6:00 pm we will have our second Murder Mystery Dinner, Death Takes A Cruise. The first Murder Mystery was very successful. Ted Talks are on hold. We are showing movies on Wednesday nights. We will decide if we will continue with the Wednesday night movies in November. New books added to the library every month. You can get this info from the Heritage Hills web site.

Security – Dave Jacobsen, Head of Security – Medical calls – 63, security calls – 183, service calls - 78, accidents – 4, parking violations – 9. Total calls for the month - 337, year-to-date - 3,085.

When you call 911 the call goes to a dispatch center in Thornwood. The fire department gets dispatched and we have the radios and can get the call. I want people to understand this because they are calling 911 and saying their flower pot is missing, this is police, medical or fire emergency call only for 911.

Town News – Bill Harden – It is your citizen responsibility to vote on November 5. People ask about the sidewalk from DiCicco's to the Middle School. They are bridging the creek and will continue the sidewalk to the Middle School. DeCicco's is paying for the sidewalk.

The photo club is having a treasure hunt. There are 10 places you have to photograph and then enter your photos. Ask Andrew in the Activities Office for information.

Pools – Report given by Joan Sottile. The 2019 pool season was a success. Many new residents, most days we had a great turnout. The season started on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and ended on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. Pools 1 and 4 remained open until the end of the day on Sunday, September 15. Pool 3 was extended on weekends only until the end of the day on Sunday, September 15, the final day of the 2019 pool season. The Pool Chairpersons would like to thank all members of the Pool Committee for their time and effort for the betterment of this community. Few maintenance issues this summer thanks to John Milligan, Marcus Lovell and his staff. HMS and their lifeguards were also thanked for their hard work, as well as the members of the Society Board who attend the Pool Committee meetings. It takes a village to run a community with 5 pools. Water aerobics was a huge success. Pool Committee e-mail was added this year and successful. October 15 was the last Pool Committee meeting of the year. We discussed pool repairs, wishes, cubbies. We look forward to the 2020 season.

Transportation – Mark Packer, Chair – No problems with the shuttle bus system. Dom Rubino reminded all we have a bus outside to take people home at the end of the meeting.

Dom Rubino thanked everyone for coming.

Susan Statkowski-Rivalsi mentioned there was a charity dance event this past Friday to benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Attendance was about 125 people and they raised \$1,800. The 10-A-Men and the Women's Club sponsored the event. This event was brainchild by Amy Stokhamer.

Dom Rubino asked for a Motion to close the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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