



at Taft Hill
1 Summerfield Drive Uxbridge, MA 01569

Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting: April 24, 2019

Board Members Present: Marsha Bourgeois, Paul Crossen, Cecile Gaigals, Lavonne Seifert, Pat Stephan.

Also present: Mike Burnat, Bill Freer, Cathy Lemieux, Randy Fields

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Lavonne Seifert at 2:02pm.

1. Open Forum for Resident Issues

Cathy Lemieux raised the concern of any resident dogs who may have escaped home without a leash and could be safely retrieved and returned to the rightful owner if a PET registry was available. Such a registry did previously exist in 2013. Cathy and her husband Norm have volunteered to maintain such a registry. Dog ownership is recorded on the annual insurance verification forms so this information will be collated to create the registry and distributed to the residents of Summerfield. Thanks to Cathy for bringing this matter to the board's attention.

Cathy also mentioned the speed of cars on our streets above the posted limits and asked about installing speed bumps. This concern has been acknowledged and discussed on previous occasions. The Board will continue to explore ways to enforce our posted speed limits. In addition, the matter of any construction vehicles related to the O'Hearne development will again be brought to their attention. Residents should remind relatives and guests of our posted speed limit.

2. Financial Report

- a. All financial reports have been reviewed by the Board.
- b. Our current total reserves are \$ 492,379.22.
- c. The board reviewed and accepted the monthly financials.

3. Grounds Report

- * Spring cleanup is underway
- * Areas of plow damage have been assessed and are being addressed.
- * Following a 4-1 approval vote by board members it was agreed that all common areas will receive mulch this season. It is planned that next year all existing mulch will be removed before new mulch is distributed.
- * The irrigation system has been checked for pressure and performance. Mike recommended replacing older sprinkler heads with a new style model that will provide more water and more coverage and possess a longer life expectancy. This expenditure of \$ 5,000.00 was approved by the Board with a 5-0 vote.
- * Two new areas of irrigation will be established to water the berm along the lower half of Nicki Way and the righthand hillside at Taft Hill Lane West which has been reseeded.
- * The Grounds Committee continues to receive concerns regarding the health of the trees that are part of our landscape. A professional evaluation will be taking place although specifying any tree which may or may not fall in a weather event is not a confirmed, scientific surety.



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* Quotes are being received for the installation of new lights along the parking lot edge at the mail room.

4. Beautification Committee

* As weather permits, work will begin to weed and prune the ornamental areas in the community.

* Arrangements are being made for several tree stumps which must be ground and the replanting of a couple ornamental trees.

OLD BUSINESS:

5. Lavonne Seifert and Cecile Gaigals will be meeting with a Forest Glen representative on May 7th to review the agreed upon commitment to share costs for the area of Taft Hill Lane and its services on a yearly basis. Forest Glen has already tacitly agreed to this arrangement.

6. A Capital Reserve Study by Becht was discussed to update our current reserve study by evaluating the various items for which the community is responsible including major infrastructural items, expected life span and potential cost burden. This is prudently being undertaken to assure that we maintain the proper reserves. This motion passed 5-0.

7. The Board of Trustees has a new signed contract with Mr. Bill Freer for his services as the Grounds Committee Chairman.

8. The Fire Hydrants are slated for service which should be performed in the coming weeks. As a point of information that relates to a concern raised at the annual meeting: should any issue /water leak occur with a hydrant you are instructed to dial 911 and the professionals will see to the issue at hand.

9. Springtime is an especially busy season for resident work requests. Please be assured that each request is dealt with as promptly as can be managed. The Board has developed an expediting process for the more routine of the requests in order to render authorization expeditiously.

10. Just a reminder. The GREEN mail box in the mailroom is for mail intended only for the Board of Trustees. ALL other mail needs to be deposited in the U.S. Mail slot.

Next Board Meeting: May 22nd at 2pm at 49 Summerfield Drive.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm