

Great Harbors Residents Association Board Meeting – January 16, 2010

Present: Lee Heffernan, Mike Fraini, Mary Doyle, Alice Jamal, Rich Conlon, Joan King, Jeanne Manca, Pat Costello, Don Masse, Phil Norment, Lori Grogan, Joan King

Present by phone: Len Frisoli, George Owens

Absent: Ginny Champagne, Bob McCarthy, Bob Reilly

The meeting was called to order by Mike Fraini

Neighborhood Watch

Welcome to Linda MacLeod who will be running Neighborhood Watch with her husband Don MacLeod.

Linda tells us

- first meeting will be in about a week
- she has discussed the graffiti issue with Pat Costello
- she is looking forward to talking to the police at their next meeting
- she hopes to honor Peg McGaffigan and Emily Heald who have run this committee for many years and do a good job.

Lee, George, Mike, Joan and Dennis Sullivan and Don MacLeod met with Falmouth Police Officer, Nate Aronson, on 12/31/09 regarding the vandalism. We were told that the most recent vandalism is most likely spurred by our pressing of charges in the pool cover damage issue. The officer said we should press charges and when someone comes into a fenced in area and lifts a bike over, proving intent will not be difficult where as graffiti and mailbox damage is more difficult to prove intent unless you can catch them in the act.

Lee strongly recommends that we all call the Assistant District Attorney and ask him when the trial is and what the resolution is. We need to put a lot of pressure on the D.A. to get a conviction. Victims are not usually notified unless they insist on being so.

Suggestions to solve the problem we have are, in order of priority,

- 1) Lighting
- 2) Signage – this is a private neighborhood monitored by surveillance cameras.
- 3) Surveillance digital cameras to feed back to a central location.

A letter of no trespass was sent to the person who did the damage so the can not come onto GH property – meaning the clubhouse area, not sure of streets. If anyone sees him, they should call the police to have him arrested. If the person consistently comes back onto GH property – 3+ times - he can be turned over to DYS.

WHCC had a similar issue and it stopped after cameras were installed.

Should we talk to a security expert to see how we should deal with cameras and lights, i.e. numbers and dollars? Hope is to do this for about 1K.

Not a lot of signs – 1 or 2.

Lori suggested motion sensor lights and Mike suggested hunter cameras. The better the camera the better the resolution.

There will be another meeting later today to discuss it in more detail.

It should be put into the newsletter and on the web site to notify Neighborhood Watch if anything happens within GH, i.e. bike stolen, mailbox hit etc.

Discussion included

-a request for an increase presence of police in the neighborhood. The police say that crime watch is considered overtime work and there are not enough personnel.

-need for private security

-Cuttysark Beach and the docks are particular problem areas that the police detail don't catch.

-Linda asks us to remember that Neighborhood Watch has a limited number of people involved, that she and Don work full time and are new to running this committee.

-Mary will help with signage

-Dennis Sullivan will be very involved

-Don Masse will be involved in the next neighbor hood meeting

To get in touch with Linda and Don: dlmaclano@aol.com or 508-540-4029

Emily wants to point out that she feels very safe here and feels that we are acting like we are the center of a crime wave and she feels that we are not. The police have met with the young children. Emily feels that we are all friends and neighbors and doesn't want us to be locked in from the outside.

Are we over-reacting?

Finance Report – Alice Jamal and Rich Conlon

- Little is going on at this time of the year for activity.

- Dock bills have gone out and income is starting to come in

- Annual Invoices will go out shortly

-Handicap accessibility question brought up regarding the clubhouse and Rich said that it will be addressed when we deal with updates to the clubhouse

Maintenance – Les Leathers and Don Masse

- guard shack is rotted out and it is a safety hazard. Les has 1 hard bid to replace it at a cost of 10K-15K.
- do we need ConCom approval? George thinks not to fix it up and he thinks that 5K-7K should be enough and that it should be dealt with before the 2010 season.
- Regarding Concom, Les thinks it depends on how the town looks at it as to repairs/replacement.
- Don and Les will look at it after the meeting and try to come up with a solution.
- Les has sent out letters to 4 landscapers for bids for 2010 season. He has 3 of 4 bids back and we have 4-6 weeks before we have to decide.
- white paint on roads at stop signs – Les has some places to get it. He tells us that the Striper sign was removed by vandals but he found it tossed aside at a path.
- Trash – cost this year is \$2.50/bag. We have 12-24 bags per week and the pick up will only take 3-4 bags each week. This could become an issue. We currently pay someone \$25/week to haul it to the town dump. We will have to decide how to handle this budget wise.
- Les is contacting various contractors for the 2010 season, i.e. roads, docks, water, electricity, tennis repairs.
- Les has located clips/ties for the tennis court wind screens.
- We need a new basketball net and ring.
- Mary will mail out information on the tennis bids to all Board members so we will be prepared to vote on Courts 1&2 and discuss Court 3 more.

General

- Les wonders if the Board should be reduced from 16 members to 9. He thinks it might be more efficient and we currently have an even number which is a bit odd.
- Others think we will have the same amount of work with less people.

-Perhaps a Working Executive Committee to discuss and create during the months when it is not busy but the full Board for decisions.

Nominating Committee – Lee Heffernan

-Met on 8/26 and 12/6.

-2010 openings include, Treasurer, Recreation, Assistant Clerk, 2 Body positions, and 2 Nominating Committee members

-They have spoken to 8 individuals and are hoping that they have Recreation, Treasurer and Assistant Clerk covered.

-Phil and Lori both agree to continue for 2 more years. Don't know about Ginny yet.

Recreation Committee – Mary Doyle

-tennis court 3 needs major repairs. Courts 1&2 just need to be resurfaced.

-George would like to see us vote on the court issue. He likes the kayak idea but doesn't want to vote on it yet.

-Mary would like to have Sara Martin and/or Michele Ritchey present the kayak plan to the Board in March. We need them to address

- 1) requirements of use
- 2) liability (\$350/kayak) and user has to be a GH member
- 3) Renters?
- 4) too much responsibility for the lifeguards to manage

-Mary has 4 quotes to resurface Courts 1&2 to keep them in good condition. Court 3 has 2 options

- Resurface
- Rip it out and redo it

-2 companies have quoted this, 1 company did not want to quote this and 1 company used a satellite to try and quote it and is working on it but Mary doesn't feel good about them.

Cape Cod Tennis and Boston Tennis both have similar quotes with CCT being slightly less. Jim Berrigan likes CCT in particular. CCT quote is \$6,085 to resurface #1 and #2.

-Court 3 option 1 – resurface, birdbath repair, crack repair, cleaning quote is \$10,180.

-Court 3 option 2 – reconstruction quote is \$29,880.

-Discussion included a multiuse court good for street hockey, basketball etc. Couldn't use this for tennis since the tennis net would be unremoveable. Ginny was supposed to look in the multiuse court but she is unavailable today.

-It would have to come up at the annual meeting if we wanted to change Court 3 to a multi use or can we use one of the pie-shaped lots that GH owns. There are 5 lots and the largest one is on Alcott/Sanddollar.

-Basketball hoop – Mary has contacted the manufacture of what we have and it will be approximately \$200,

-Kayaks are \$500 each.

-She has purchased dry rolls for the tennis courts and an elevated work cart to put up the wind screens,

-Ping-pong – looking into the purchase of a weather resistant unit.

-Jim Berrigan and Greg Mili both indicated that they would be returning for 2010. In February Mary will get in touch with them and firm things up by the beginning of April.

Ellen Leathers has taken over coordinating clubhouse rentals, This should be on the web site.

There is no meeting in February and our next meeting will be on March 20, 2010.

Adjourned at 11:35

Respectively submitted,

Jeanne Manca
Assistant Clerk