

**EASTERN NORWALK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**February 11, 2009
Minutes**

Board Member Attendees: Marija Bryant, Diane Cece, Laurel Lindstrom (president), Art Santella, Nick Overall

Board Members Absent: Zvi Cole

Advisory Board Member Attendees: none

Advisory Board Member Absent: Peter Libre, Sarah Hunter, Gordon Tully,

Others: Don Capone, John Deacy, Jason Garnett, Tom Wemyss

Author: Nick Overall

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM
2. Public Participation:
 - a) **Transition Initiatives/Fruit Tree Program:** Jason Garnett provided additional information regarding the proposed fruit tree program and how ENNA could be a vehicle for information to the public. Diane mentioned that TAC might also be a helpful organization to assist in his goals. ENNA will discuss as a board and respond to Jason.
3. Regular Business:
 - a) Watch List Properties
 - i) **23 Platt Street:** No new information. No new meetings or public hearing scheduled yet.
 - ii) **201 Liberty Square:** Diane will contact Board with next steps & volunteers for petition signatures.
 - iii) **Fitch School Property:** still for sale - nothing new.
 - iv) **10 Goldstein:** Jackie Lightfield told Laurel that all correspondence to the Zoning Commission is useful and can make a difference. Zoning commission is doing further review. Nick, Diane and Art to visit the property to see condition.
 - v) **Stew Leonard's Expansion:** Nothing new.
 - vi) **Gregory Blvd zoning change proposal:** Property has been rezoned to C- Residential.
 - vii) **Water Treatment Facility:** No new information.
 - viii) **High Street Properties:** Marija states that the Owner of properties 41,42,44 High Street intends to sell the properties, and is not interested in preserving the buildings. This item will be removed from watch list properties.
 - ix) **Officer's Club:** Diane will need assistance with getting petitions to the public. Liquor commission is establishing a date for a public hearing. Agent Joseph Raia told Diane that just filing the objection would keep owners in check. Current owner, Mr. Morrel, has provisional license. New ownership means past incidents at not admissible. ENNA has the option to pull the objection. Laurel says that ENNA could discuss with owner what ENNA expects of the establishment.
 - x) **Pastime Club:** There are complaints from neighbors that members leave very late and disturb the peace, and parking is extending excessively into on-street parking. Laurel has met with Pastime board members and residents, and also has been in touch with police to track infractions. Art says Laurel could also meet with the club Commodore to discuss the neighborhood's concerns.

b) Neighborhood Issues/Committees

- i) **Traffic Calming:** No new information.
 - ii) **Mill Pond Spill:** Art mentioned that he witnessed an oil slick at Mill Pond. He will follow-up with Fire Marshall about what occurred and how it was resolved.
 - iii) **East Norwalk / Ludlow Square:** Laurel stated that she had done research to getting cemetery on the National Historic Register. John Deacy said he would consider continuing the process of getting it on the Register.
 - iv) **Crime:** Report from a resident following suspicious activity in house off Calf Pasture Beach Road.
 - v) **Revaluation:** No new information
 - vi) **Flooding:** Diane states that utility work at Buckingham/Lockwood is postponed. DP has postponed funding. Laurel states that DPW needs to notify property owners in advance of street closures due to Olmstead utility work.
 - vii) **Historic Preservation:** No new information on 93 East Avenue; Marija Bryant says Tod Bryant met with Soo Gunn to see if funding is available for the Norwalk Historic Resource Inventory; Norwalk Preservation Trust has new website at norwalkpreservation.org.
 - viii) **Sewage:** Nick will contact DPW regarding their preparedness to respond to a sewage break similar to Greenwich. Nick will also contact Chris Perone and Bob Duff.
- c) Mayor' Neighborhood Preservation Committee Report: No report
- d) Newsletter: No activity. Tom suggested getting an intern to assist with newsletter and possible East Norwalk Center. Uconn students were mentioned by all.
- e) Website: Laurel asked for feedback regarding making changes. Tom and board members present expressed view that website was currently informative and well organized.
- f) Neighborhood Cleanup: Tentative date is April 25th. Tom mentioned that there might be opportunities to have corporate sponsorship to boost volunteers, perhaps donating gift cards and caps with ENNA support text, etc. All agreed to focus on core ENNA areas and get more presence. All agreed to tap into high school community service. To be discussed further.
- g) CNNA Report: Laurel states she would like to bring to the attention of the CNNA the need to improve accessibility to sidewalks due to blockages such as snow, obstructions and parking.
Trees, Landscape & Adopt-A-Spots: Nick will see if tree was correctly relocated on Olmstead Place; will contact residents on Pequot Drive regarding potential trees for spring planting.

Board only section (some of information above in item #3 may have been discussed during 'board only' part of meeting)

- 4. Minutes
 - a) January minutes approved as corrected.
- 5. President's Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - a) Included above, no additional report at this time
- 6. Treasurer's report – sent by email to board prior to meeting.
- 7. Next regular board meeting: March 11, 2009
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM