

Juniper Hill Civic Association Minutes  
General Membership Meeting  
October 11, 2012

The Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM. Twenty members were in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously accepted after Carmen Gray moved that the minutes be accepted and Teresa Toscano seconded her motion.

Treasurer Arthur Chisolm read the Treasurer's Report. Since the previous meeting on April 10, 2012 the association collected \$255 in dues and spent \$285.05 on the association Barbeque, leaving a balance of \$827.45. Napoleon Mitchell moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Teresa Toscano seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

President Susan Mirialakis read Sharon Maxwell's School Liaison Report as Sharon was unable to attend the meeting. Lee F. Jackson School has its highest enrollment ever at 270 students. R.J. Bailey School repaved its parking lot and addressed drainage issues. It also upgraded its lighting and bathrooms, and was removed from the list of schools needing improvement. It was also tested for asbestos and declared asbestos free. Broderick Spencer was appointed as the new principal of Woodlands Middle School, and Will Washington was appointed the new principal at Woodlands High School. Cablevision 77 is now up and running once again for viewing School Board Meetings.

Richard Fon, Greenburgh's Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, discussed the ongoing roadwork on Juniper Hill and upcoming roadwork on Greenvale Circle. New curbing for Juniper Hill Road had been completed, and milling and paving are due to begin soon. Water Main replacement is due to begin on Greenvale Circle, followed by repaving. The Town is exploring the possibility of replacing the Yield sign on Juniper Hill at its junction with Walnut Street with a Stop sign on Walnut. The Town is also discussing the removal of unsightly and unnecessary double poles with Con Edison. The Town has contacted the owner of the property at the junction of Juniper Hill and Walnut about cutting shrubs that obstruct sight lines, but any further code enforcement at that property will need to await the town's hiring of a new Code Enforcement Officer in January 2013.

Sue Mirialakis mentioned that the curbing and "goat paths" on Juniper Hill had made the road safer for pedestrians. Arthur Chisholm asked if curbing and repaving would occur on Juniper Hill from Southwood to Fair Street. Mr. Fon replied that there were no plans for extending the work to that end of Juniper Hill. Carmen Gray commented on the courteousness of the men working on the road. Alphonse Leonce expressed concerns about parking on the goat paths and how that affected pedestrians, and asked who was responsible for the upkeep of the goat paths. Kim Morrison expressed concerns about a defective Verizon Cable Box on a pole on Greenvale Circle near the junction with

Tarrytown Road. There were also concerns expressed about untended shrubbery at the foot of Greenvale Circle. Mr. Fon said he would look into these concerns.

Town Supervisor Paul Feiner discussed plans for the Town to purchase "One-Armed Bandit" Recycling Trucks to pick up recycling in some parts of the community. He recommended that residents continue to use the smaller recycling bins, as some people were currently using large bins that were too heavy for crews to lift. Apparently some of the larger bins can weigh upwards of 300-400 pounds.

Ann Jaffe Holmes from the Greenburgh Nature Center discussed the Town's "Love It or Leave It Program" for encouraging mulching leaves on one's property rather than bagging them for Town pick-up. When done properly, mulching is an effective way of fertilizing the soil. Leaves can block storm drains and it costs taxpayers \$800 to unblock a storm drain. Mulching can also save taxpayers money on overtime and fuel costs.

Seth Segall discussed the proposed changes in the Association By-Laws. The proposed revised By-Laws had been drafted by a committee of Seth Segall and Illayne Parker, and unanimously approved by the Executive Board after discussion and modification by the Executive Board. The By-Laws were unanimously accepted by all present at the general membership meeting.

It was announced that elections would be held for Executive Council Officers at the Annual Winter meeting in 2013. Seth Segall issued a call for nominations. Napoleon Mitchell moved that all the current officers serve again for another two-year term, and Teresa Toscano seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. This was taken as an expression of the sentiment of the members in attendance, and did not constitute a formal vote, which will still occur during the first meeting of 2013. Nominations are still open for all positions.

Napoleon Mitchell thanked the Association for its expression of condolences after the passing of his wife, Gloria Mitchell, In July of this year.

The Board and Napoleon Mitchell discussed their willingness to provide rides for anyone who needed one to get to the polls on Election Day.

The meeting was adjourned by President Mirialakis at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Segall  
Acting Recording Secretary

