**Minutes (Draft)**

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 16,2020 @ 7 PM

Walden Woods Meeting House

**Call to order 7:12PM**

**Roll Call:** Attending Council Members-Joe, Russ & Dieter

**Approval of minutes:** Review and approve Village Council minutes meeting of August 19, 2020.

**Financials:**

1. Review YTD 2020 operating results attached-copies of YTD operating results were provided unit owners. The results show that Village is withing budget in all categories.
2. Unit Owners reminded of a Village budget workshop to be held Friday, Sept. 25 at 3PM.

**Old Business:**

1. Paving project update – Postponed indefinitely result in part of increase is HO Fees to cover new landscape contract and lack of Board support for financing assistance.
2. Noted that installation of railing at 10 Aster has been completed
3. Power washing fences at entranceways and back yards has been completed
4. Consideration of a global plan from Brightview to replace certain plants. Total expenditure $2,819.11(inclusive of tax) effecting 17 homes plus soil amendments – project tabled pending receipt of new proposal from Butler Landscaping the presumed new landscaper in 2021.
5. Tree work-Evergreen- Status remains unclear and will request update from Elite.
6. Landscaping identified for future evaluation –
7. Two trees behind 143 MG, Tree behind 20 Ivy with ulcer noted, possibly diseased tree 515 Hawthorne.
8. Shrub at 12 Aster
9. Tree Replacement 136 Primrose Lane
10. 503 Hawthorne needs re-seeding.

**New Business:**

1. Any interest in serving as a Village Director and Conservancy Board Member in 2021? Questions? Elite should be sending out notice after the August meeting of annual meeting of unit owners of each council in September. Election takes place in September for terms to begin at the conclusion of December Annual Meeting of all unit owners-Refer to Minutes of the Village Council Annual Meeting of 9/16/2020
2. Ratification (3 in favor) of request from homeowner at 509 Hawthorne to install a Standards Committee approved fence around limited common area at the unit owners’ expense. The fence had been previously approved by a prior owner and the current owner would like to see it re-constructed.
3. Re-seeding- Various sites requiring extensive re-seeding were identified and resolved that a proposal from new landscaper presumably Butler will be solicited.
4. Responsibility for water and sewer connections between units and main line. We will seek a legal clarification so as to fix responsibility for repair.
5. Consideration of Brightview submitted proposal to address various irrigation issue created by root restrictions. SO#7311314 in total $5,944.98(W/Tax) – Tabled pending receipt of another proposal.
6. Possibility of turning over the cost, care and maintenance of plants around home to reduce budget – Tabled no decision
7. Drainage problems at 14 Aster Place and 30 Knollwood North- It was determined that we would need separate proposal to address each unit’s specific problem.

**Home Owners Forum:**

* Marlene Towers – Discussed a pending Town Zoning Meeting regarding changes in the use of property adjacent to WW and possible noise impact.
* Peter DeBisschop – Reminded us all that any change to the responsibility for plants and bushes around units would require a change to the by-laws. He also advocated that as alternative way to calculate Council responsibility for the new landscape contact would be to take an average of the 3 bids that were submitted by Council.
* Mike Novack – Advocated consideration of a Special Assessment of rough $2,000 per unit, paid over 12 months in 2021, would allow us to accrue the necessary funds to do the paving project without third party financial support.
* Nina Pelc – Faszcza – Offered her few on the increase fees and the need for specific and general re-seeding. She also offered her opinion that the repair of the water connections under the Common Limited Area was Village responsibility.
* Bob Ellis requested an update on when By-Law revisions might be completed. It is expected to occur 1st Quarter 2021.
* Mickey Colevecchio requested someone address her overgrown bush behind her unit at 12 Aster.
* Ruth Johnson expressed concerns regarding adequate budgeting for continued tree removal and trimming.
* Kathy – 10 Aster – Acknowledged the completion of the recently installed hand rail and requested that the rail be extended a bit further up her outdoor stairs.

**Next Meeting Date**: Wednesday, October 21,2020 at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM

Submitted – Joe Palladino