

Foxboro Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Association President, Jon-Paul Moody, at 7:05 PM at Middletown Firehouse # 2. Board members present were Jerry Clark, Vice-President, Pam Thorpe, Treasurer, and Stan Domzalski, Secretary.

MINUTES:

The first order of business was to review and approve the minutes from the March 13, 2012, meeting. There was some discussion, begun by Dan Echternach, about paper copies not being available at the meeting. Jon-Paul explained that we were trying to “go green” and keep paper copies to a minimum. Stan explained that the draft minutes were posted on the organization’s web-site a couple of weeks after the March meeting and that all members were invited to read them and print their personal copies if desired. Dan Echternach offered to provide the reams of paper for the copies for each meeting.

Jon-Paul then read the minutes verbatim. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Phil Womack, and seconded by Gene Pate. The minutes were approved. The consensus was that in future meetings the minutes would be on the “screen” for all to read at the same time.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Pam Thorpe gave the treasurer’s report and displayed it on the screen. After some limited discussion, a motion to approve was made by Charlotte Domzalski and seconded by Ron Varda. The treasurer’s report was approved. Dan Echternach asked how this year’s dues receipts compared to last year’s. We did not have the comparison information available at the meeting.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

Helen Haury of the Welcoming Committee said that she welcomed a new neighbor at 603 Dorsey Way. There was some discussion about other neighbors who moved into our neighborhood, but the association was unaware. There was also discussion about whether or not we should provide a “welcome package” to those new residents who are renters. The consensus appeared to be that we should.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

The proposed amendments and motions (copies attached) to the by-laws were discussed and voted upon. A motion to approve Amendment 12 was made by Ron Varda, and seconded by Charlotte Domzalski. Amendment 12 was approved by vote of the members.

Gene Pate raised questions about Amendment 13, specifically that statement that provides that: Any funds collected for a designated fund for upkeep, maintenance, and replacement...may be moved to the general operating fund as deemed appropriate by the board and voted upon by the members. After some discussion a motion was made to approve the amendment, with the original language, by Helen Haury and seconded by Janet Lynsavage. Amendment 13 was approved by the members.

The four motions to make changes to the by-laws were also approved.

NEW BUDGET:

Pam Thorpe presented the revised proposed budget for 2012, based on total expenses of \$8000. The specifics of the budget were discussed. Motion to approve the budget as presented was made by Norb Thorpe, and seconded by Helen Haury. The budget was approved by the members.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Brad Michel, a Major with the Middletown Fire Department introduced himself and said that he would be the fire department's liaison with our Neighborhood association. Brad could be reached at 245-7555.

Scott Giltner was recognized for his work maintaining the Dorsey Way island entrance. Geoff Hale was recognized for his work on the Foxboro Commons (formerly the pool property).

Jon-Paul said that he is in the process of getting 3 estimates for doing landscape work on the sign/entrance ways. He said that he needs 3 estimates in order to get funding from Metro for the projects.

Volunteers will be needed to mow and trim the grass at the Dorsey Lane entrance. Gene Pate, Dan Echternach, and Jerry Clark volunteered to take some dates. We will continue to seek volunteers.

Concerns were raised about the "Springfield" trailers in some yards and driveways in the neighborhood. Jon-Paul said that there are Metro ordinances which govern these. Residents can call Metro 311 to report any alleged abuses.

The upcoming neighborhood yard sale, coordinated by Nancy Clark, will be June 9. The Association is also having a yard sale at the former pool area on that same date. Donations can be dropped off at any of the board members homes.

The drawing for the Bob Evans gift card for those who have paid there dues so far was held. The \$25 gift card was won by Marvin and Carole Cull, Clearcreek Way.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2012, at 7 PM at the Firehouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Domzalski
Secretary

Attendees at May 8, 2012, meeting:

Phil Womack	Kimblewick
Charlotte Domzalski	Kimblewick
Gerald Clark	Hartley
Geoff Hale	Kimblewick
Marion Lynsavage	Dorsey Way
Janet Lynsavage	Skylark
Scott Giltner	Dorsey Way
Norm Thorpe	Clearcreek
Pam Thorpe	Clearcreek
Jack Haury	Hartley
Helen Haury	Hartley
Ron Varda	Kimblewick
Nancy Clark	Exmoor
Gene Pate	Hartley
Dan Echternach	Hartley
Jon-Paul Moody	Hartley
Stan Domzalski	Kimblewick

Amendments and Motions to Foxboro Neighborhood Assn bylaws voted upon at the May 8, 2012 meeting.

Amendment 12

Amend Article III to read: Only those members who made voluntary contributions of \$50 may vote at association meetings, serve on subcommittees, or hold office in the association. The voluntary dues must be paid by May 1 of each year or the member's voting rights will be suspended until the contribution is made. The board can exercise the authority to increase the dues by an amount up to but not exceeding 10% in each year thereafter.

EXPLANATION: This amendment will increase the current voluntary donation from \$40 to \$50 starting in 2013. The amendment also changes the date the voluntary donations are made from March 31 of each year to May 31 of each year. (This change will make the date consistent with Amendment I to Article IV which states that dues must be paid by May 1 for a member to be eligible to seek office.

Amendment 13

Amend the last sentence in Amendment 7 Article XIII (d) (2) to read: Any funds collected for a specific project that exceed the actual expense of the project may be held in a designated fund for upkeep, maintenance, and replacement, if applicable, or may be moved to the general operating fund as deemed appropriate by the board and voted on by the members.

EXPLANATION: This change will allow flexibility to the board and the association in using the funds properly and efficiently to meet the needs of the association.

Motion 1

Regarding Amendment 7, Article XIII, (d) (4): Remove line item 4 from the amendment which currently reads: At no time shall the President present a budget in excess of dues collected during the previous year.

Motion 2

Change Amendment 8, Article IX for election of officers to be November vice October.

Motion 3

Change Amendment 7, Section E, from after the October meeting to after the end of the fiscal year.

Motion 4

Funds held as excess from the previous year may be applied to and used as deemed appropriate for the current year's operating funds.

