

Cedarwood Association Annual Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2017 - Woodside's Garage

I . Welcome by Co-Presidents

II. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Minutes

- Between individual donation and White Elephant table we covered the scholarship fund
- Gail LaPointe who does the Gardening of those boxes is moving - card to sign
- Income exceeded expenses, so we are in good shape!

III. Announcements:

- We are filing for Non-profit status with the Secretary of State
- We are looking for volunteers - moving away from Exec committee
- Events: - Looking for volunteers, please reach out to Lynelle & Kevin
 - Cedarwood Playground Clean-up Saturday April 29th morning
 - Pub Night Fundraiser - May 4th at Jake & Joes - 20% of total bill will be donated to scholarship fund
 - 7-9pm informal neighbor meet & greet - Let Kevin know if you'll be joining
 - June 4th - Meet Your Neighbors - 3-5pm at Meg's house - family friendly
 - July 4th - Annual Parade 10am - corner of Wetherbee and Cedarwood
 - Aug 26th - Annual Picnic - 2-5ish Potluck - you'll see email requests
 - Working on date for Yard Sale

IV. Mayor Jeanette A. McCarthy

- Traffic at 1265 main proposal for MEPA filing for study
 - 3 light project
 - 7 lane new 117 bridge - Will happen quickly
 - Promote Rail and bike transportation
 - Dead-end Stowe Street, connect through Green Street - get highway traffic out of the neighborhoods
 - Slip lane from on Polaroid onto highway
 - private money for bridge and ramps - working with developers from 1265
 - Non-peak hours stowe will be open
 - City council needs to hear from you about concerns about permits
 - 1mil sq feet. City of Weston doing work on Monster.com property
 - Multi-modo center - Fitchburg line would be operational for commuters on Weston/Waltham line
 - Jones road & Bear Hill road developments, plywood ranch development, Winter street/Gooseneck / Wyman
 - Mayor has pointed out that 128 is a parking lot more often earlier and later in the day already
 - Brought in traffic engineers (P2 - Mass Pike to Rt 3) and looking at it.
 - This will all be on the website in the next week or two

- Cedarwood work is almost completed, but lower part and Nipper Maher are still a mess - Gas and sewer projects happening
 - Once that's done, everything will get paved
- Serious Rat problem in Waltham - between construction, bird feeders, uncontained garbage,
 - Check out website for information on precautions that we need to take to keep them at bay
 - Be vigilant - health department will come out and do an inspection - if you see large holes on your property

Questions:

- Once all Sewer work is done, the lower part of Summit will be paved - Villa street down - Civil Engineering
- Corner of Virginia and Summit needs to be widened - 2 cars can't go at the same time.
- What kind of guarantee on paving job - they will fix it
- Playground - back of playground, there's not enough irrigation
 - Middle of field to back
 - Will have drainage checked because it stays swampy / flooded
- Consideration to put stop signs on Hamilton at Thornton - between Florence and Hamilton
 - Happy to petition - will just need some signatures
- Both sides of Thornton the paving after re-sewering hasn't been done properly, there's huge "holes" - needs to match pavement
- High School - 160 new students this year - building new school will accommodate 1840 students
 - 20-60 feet adjacent to current school
 - Will cause chaos for kids during day and afternoon
 - Fernald & Stigma team as alternates
 - Trying to come up with educational plan and then building that goes along with that plan - wings of Stem, Athletics, Arts, vocational programs, etc
 - lasts a long time so we don't have to keep changing things every 60 years
 - Trying to buy Stigma team site and work to make that happen (554 Lexington Street) - 46 acres of property - Largest undeveloped parcel in Waltham
 - Could hold 96 stand alone homes
 - Have standstill agreement that they won't sell property to developers and town won't change zoning, expires May 1
 - State will reimburse for 40-45% of cost

V. City Councilor Joseph M. Giordano (Ward Seven)

- Thank the association for the events
- No plowing complaints this year - great new program
- Tree was planted at the bus stop last year, just need to get some mulch
- Will be running again, appreciates support
- Lions Club Carnival at the Fernald site May 17-21st
 - Could use volunteers for parking, etc. - just reach out

VI. City Councilor Patrick O'Brien (Councilor at Large)

- Grew up in Cedarwood
- Excited about new Rail Trail
- New Blight ordinance to get things fixed up
- Really pushing back on the digging up of streets and the bad repaving jobs as much as they can
- Questions:
 - Cedarwood paving - handicapped ends are great, but sidewalks along Cedarwood are a mess/unsafe
 - Mayor will put on 5 year plan
 - When is the bike path coming - bid in Oct for designer
 - DCR owns rights
 - Subcommittee will come in and review and need approve because so the CPA/Polaroid site can pay for it, since DCR/DOT don't have \$\$
 - Space needs to be surveyed and then design

VII. Committee Reports

- Activities
 - Deb Douglas will be taking over for Christine
 - Could use more a lot more volunteers as turn-out has been fantastic and we need help making these successful
 - Need a new individual for Publicity committee to do signs - artistic abilities
 - Kevin will keep boards in his garage
- Community service
 - Toys for Tots is only event - went great this past year
 - Playground Clean-up
 - If anyone else is interested in organizing other events
- Garden Committee
 - Brad unofficially helping with raised beds at playground
 - Got replanted with kids recently
 - Will be planting flowers in the other two
 - Looking for advice on doing programming over the summer
 - Gail leaving, so need volunteers to help with the planter at the entrance to the neighborhood

- Brad and Esteban will be working it, could use one extra
- Neighborhood Outreach - Meg
 - Will be hosting Meet Your Neighbors June 4th 3-5
 - Welcome notes to the new neighbors and tell about the association
- Newsletter committee - Lynelle
 - Kristin Mullen organizes distribution, many folks distribute
 - If you notice you never get newsletter, let us know
 - Posted on FB, emails and is on the website
- Scholarship - \$1500
 - Pay dues!!
 - Handful of applicants - will be decided on this weekend
 - Awarded in Ceremony in June
 - This year all attend Waltham High - not a requirement
- Executive Committee
 - Looking for more people to be involved and help with activities
 - We could do more with more people
 - Does anyone want to be added to BOD?
 - Please reach out to Lynelle or Kevin or reach out to Deb Douglas
 - Current Board re-nominated, approved.