

Westwood Hills Residents' Association
FACEBOOK LIVE Board Meeting
Minutes of February 20, 2019
Giant Steps
7:30 – 9:30pm
APPROVED

Present: **Dustin O'Leary** (President), **Justin Ells** (Director), **Carol Grimmitt** (Director), **Melissa Nurse** (Director), **Shawn Beaulieu** (Director), **Trevor Magarvey** (Director), **Nola Button** (Director), **Chris Turner** (Director), **Stephen Nurse** (Treasurer) & **Julie Gratzner** (Secretary)

Regrets: **Nick Horne** (Vice-President), **Penelope St. Laurent** (Director), **Crystal Hendren** (Director), **Francine Galloway** (Director), and **Richard O'Fegan** (Director)

19.02.01 **Approval of the Agenda**
Dustin will speak to the March board meeting.
Melissa / Shawn B. All approved Motion carried

19.02.02 **Approval of January 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes**
MOTION to approve minutes as circulated
Steve / Nola All approved Motion carried

19.02.03 **Matters Arising**
None

19.02.04 **Garbage Bins Update (Steve)**
Dustin posted the following on the WWHRA Facebook Page regarding this issue:
- the Halifax Regional Municipality is open to putting more garbage cans in Westwood Hills (and has in places like the Greenspace) but is not eager to put them in the right-of-way or roadway at this time.

- there was the possibility of having the residents association itself install garbage cans and hire a private company to come around and collect them. In that instance, we would either have to get HRM to agree to put them on the road or get residents to agree to put them on their own private property. Cost aside, this would require significant buy-in from individual residents and could not be relied on as a permanent solution in the event that participating neighbours move, etc.

- lastly, there is really no guarantee that going through all of this effort will cause a behaviour change in those that are leaving the waste on the side of the road. Just because there is greater access to garbage bins, it is not necessarily the case that everyone/anyone will use them.

With those issues in mind, the Westwood Hills Residents Association Executive has elected not to take this issue any further. If conditions on this change, we are always willing to revisit the problem, but any permanent solution would probably need more involvement from an entity larger than the WWHRA.

Thanks to those board members that helped on this and to those who diligently pick up

after their pets to keep our neighbourhood looking great. And, although we want to keep the neighbourhood looking great, please be understanding of those who don't pick up the waste. There are always times where neighbours run out of bags unexpectedly and, as pet owners, we've all been there.

Steve added the following additional information:

- in their discussions with HRM there is nowhere to put the cans, we'd have to install a pole specifically to put the cans on (because you aren't allow to put these cans on power poles), and we'd have to pay someone to empty them, etc.
- What goes into the cans would have to have been sorted by an authorized person. HRM also indicted that the waste could not have gone into our regular garbage. All in all not a feasible undertaking.

19.02.05 Traffic Calming (Justin)

Second sign is being purchased. The data shows that there is a 30% decrease in speed when the sign is on. Traffic calming measures to be undertaken by HRM in the near future. Probably speed humps will be installed in many of the side streets. Westwood Blvd does not qualify for traffic calming, as it is a major feeder street.

19.02.06 Scholarship Fund (Carol, Richard and Penelope)

The sub-committee will do some work on this and will bring a proposal/request forward to the AGM in May. If the motion passes, this would be initiated for the 2019/2020 academic year.

19.02.07 Community Sign Update (Dustin)

WWHRA Board has agreed to release funds (based on quote #3689) to hire Eyecandy (after a bidding process) to build and install a new WWH signage at the beginning of the subdivision. Once the ground thaws it will be put up.

If the sign isn't up in time to inform residents of the AGM then we will put up temporary signage. **Justin** will ask Eyecandy if they can supply temporary signage. **Dustin** will contact St. Margaret's Bay Center to see if they can put something about the AGM on their signage if ours isn't in place in time.

19.02.08 Emergency Evacuation Plan (Nola)

After a house fire in the subdivision three years ago Nola took the initiative to develop an Evacuation Plan.

MOTION to provide funds (max \$400) to Nola so she is able to do a bulk mail-out to the residents of WWH regarding the Emergency Evacuation Plan.

Steve / Chris

All approved

Motion carried

Nola reminded everyone of the on-line contest:

Residents are to submit before and after photos of their yard or around the house to show fire prevention activities. If submitted, your name will go into the draw for six emergency kits.

Nola will check on getting Ben Jessome, Matt Whitman and Bernadette Jordan to put the info in their newsletters.

The initial mandate has been accomplished and so the committee will be dissolving – Nola will be leaving the subdivision and is looking for anyone who might be interested in continuing. Nick Horne volunteered to continue the work of this committee

19.02.09

AGM in May/June

Annual General Meeting scheduled for May 30, 2019 at the Tantallon Public Library
7pm – 8:30pm. Only those that physically attend the AGM are able to vote regarding decisions in terms of funds etc.

19.02.10

March meeting

MOTION to cancel the WWHRA March Board meeting due to the March Break.

Nola / Shawn B

All approved

Motion carried

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2019

19.02.11

Other Business

11.1 – **Justin** will ask the RCMP if they would be willing to present at the AGM information regarding the Citizens on Patrol

11.2 – **Dustin** to look into getting a lock put on the gate at the greenspace. Nick commented on FB live that Brenton Heighton (the HRM parks manager for our area) can get us a lock.

19.02.12

Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn the meeting

Steve / All approved

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Julie Gratzner, Secretary