

**Westwood Hills Residents' Association
Board Meeting
Minutes of November 20, 2019
Lefty's Restaurant
7:30 – 9:30pm**

APPROVED

Present: **Dustin O'Leary** (President), **Justin Ells** (Director), **Trevor Magarvey** (Director) **Carol Grimmitt** (Director), **Melissa Nurse** (Director), **Stephen Nurse** (Treasurer)

Regrets: **Nick Horne** (Vice-President), **Chris Turner** (Director), **Crystal Hendren** (Director), **Debbie Whyte** (Director), **Richard O'Fegan** (Director), **Penelope St. Laurent** (Director), and **Julie Gratzer** (Secretary)

The agenda was reviewed by Dustin and approved by Trevor and Steve.

The minutes from September 18, 2019 were reviewed and approved by Melissa and Justin.

Newsletter:

We will aim to have the first draft done for the end of the year. It should be one page and will include mainly upcoming events. Dustin will also include some information regarding the area rate funding and restrictions, such as speed signs and providing scholarships.

Community Garden is on hold for now until a location can be determined.

Facebook Revisions:

Justin reviewed the changes suggested which included some minor wording changes regarding malicious intent regarding identifying people in the neighborhood. The other items was regarding membership for the page and ensuring members of the page are individuals and not businesses. Also only one account per person. Dustin called for a vote and the motion was carried.

Traffic Calming:

On track for traffic calming as far as streets identified as eligible for calming measures. The old sign was taken down and Justin noticed some condensation inside. The unit may require some minor repairs before being re-installed.

Community policing contact has changed. Susan Camus is our new rep and Justin has spoken with her. She's a Westwood resident. We'll invite her to attend the next meeting.

Park Recreational Trail Development:

Cobequid Consulting is the group HRM recommended. Garnet, the head of that company contacted Dustin and was in the area and they looked at the area. We received a good response. This would be a do-able project. He would like to come back and meet with a few of us to discuss features we would want.

Trevor noted that it was looked at years ago and the cost per meter was prohibitive.

Dustin has reached out to Giant Steps regarding access to the space and they are agreeable to having the entrance to a park located on or near their property.

Garnet is not charging anything at this point, but when we're ready to proceed a proposal would only cost us a couple of thousand. He seems to think this would be possible based on our budget.

Fireworks:

Steve noted that there have been a lot of complaints on the Facebook page regarding fireworks in the neighbourhood. There was one resident who actually received a fine for a noise complaint. There are only two days that it is legal to set off fireworks; Canada Day and New Year's Day. We'll post the by-laws in the next newsletter so residents are aware of the rules.

Deck the Hills and Decorations:

Being held December 7. Jason Sampson agreed to install the wreaths.

Trevor organized the green space tree. He has one on order for this year. We should look at a system that will make putting the tree up a bit easier in the future.

Justin suggested getting a speaker for the event as it's difficult to hear. Dustin will check into some options.

Regarding Santa, how can we get the kids to him in a more orderly fashion? Can we change the set up so that he can get in before the kids swarm him?

New Year's

Melissa wanted to know if Richard was buying the bracelets this year for New Year's. Dustin will check with him and look at getting someone to make hot chocolate. We also need some light for the area.

Remembrance Day:

Carol presented the wreath for the community.

Other items:

Steve asked the group to please cash cheques issued to them as quickly as possible as we have some that had to be re-issued and it makes it difficult to balance the books.

Outdoor movies:

We didn't do any this year. Do we want to partner with Haliburton to show a couple of movies each year? They have the equipment which we could rent for a nominal fee. Would doing a moving indoors be an option? We'll need to look at if this is something we want to continue with next year.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melissa Nurse, Acting Secretary