

VAIL'S GROVE COOPERATIVE, INC.

BOARD MEETING

August 16, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Cassidy called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm and asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Battreall took attendance. Present: Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Janecek, Ms. Myers, Mr. O'Toole, Ms. Salerno and Ms. Waltzer. Absent: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Cammisa, Mr. McGuinness, and Ms. Rubini.

Ms. Battreall stated that tonight is the 5th absence for Mr. Cammisa from a Board meeting. The maximum amount allowed is 4 meetings. The Board needs to review. Ms. Salerno made a motion to have Mr. Cammisa stay on the Board. Mr. Duffy seconded. Four in favor, Mr. Janecek and Ms. Myers abstain. Motion passed. Mr. O'Toole suggests that we make it clear that this cannot happen again next year. Mr. O'Toole stated that Mr. Cammisa has been very helpful with the tax investigation we have done with the Town of Southeast. Mr. Duffy agreed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Ms. Waltzer made a motion to accept the minutes of the July Board meeting. Mr. O'Toole seconded. Mr. O'Toole and Mr. Duffy abstained. All other in favor. Motion approved.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS OF STOCKHOLDERS:

Maree Hartley thanked the Board for their service to the community. She stated that the blue tarp that was on her roof has been removed. This was not done sooner as they thought they would be in their construction phase by now.

COMMUNICATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN THE REPORTS BELOW:

Ms. Battreall reported pursuant to the letter we sent, a resident stated that her boyfriend is not living in the house and therefore does not need to be vetted. A second resident has a home health care aide, who we vetted and all is fine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON: No Report

VICE-CHAIRPERSON: No report

VICE-PRESIDENT: No report

SECRETARY:

The Annual Meeting packet is in process of being put into envelopes and will be mailed next week. Thank you to Linda VanScoy for help in filling envelopes. We received 6 petitions for six openings: Juliann Salerno, Thomas Duffy, Joan Myers, Ron Sarno, Jack Walter, and Dawn DiDomenico. Ronnie Waltzer has decided not to run this year. Two of those positions will be for two years and Mr. Waltzer has already volunteered to take a two year seat. So, this means we do not need to open envelopes at meeting. So far, I have received over \$955 for ads for the Directory. Ms. Battreall is considering not mailing the new Directory, rather having residents pick them up in the office. Maree Bock-Hartley volunteered to help deliver the Directories. Office closed from August 24th until day after Labor Day – I am on vacation then.

TREASURER/FINANCE: No report

INSURANCE: No report

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

The pump house auto caller alerted us to a problem in the pump house just after a big storm passed through. The pump house was experiencing some electrical issues from a possible lightning strike. No sign of a lightning strike appeared. Foleys Pump Service was called. Problem was found and a temporary fix was performed until Sunday morning when they returned with all the parts needed. An electrical sending probe that's outside at the holding tanks shorted from a possible lightning strike. Our auto caller with the safety alarms detected the problem.

A call came in that a large tree was hanging dangerously close to the road and a homeowner's driveway up at the North End. This tree was result from a lightning strike and/or storm that passed through which also interrupted service at the Pump House. Tree was taken down by Laurel Oak Landscaping.

Weeding and maintaining of all the Coop gardens is underway.

Soft spruce wood chips were delivered for the playground. Spreading of these is presently underway.

A call came in reporting catch basins overflowing on Locust and Polye. After first inspection water had receded and catch basins looked okay. Heavy rains came again and the catch basin overflowed again. B&G went back out with professional contractors from Electric Snake and it appears there is a root blockage in the drain pipe further down the line. The appropriate professionals have been called. More to follow.

A presentation was made to the Board of Directors by Christian Duffy, a Boy Scout and member of Troop 1-North Salem. As Christian is working toward his Eagle Scout and as Vail's Grove is installing a Veterans Monument, hopefully by Veterans Day, Christian presented his project. He will be raising funds to landscape the property, install flags from all branches of the service, an American flag and a POW flag. His plan includes installing slate for a walkway and benches for enjoying the area. There are members of the Vail's Grove Board who will be his mentors. Once

Christian receives approval from the Boy Scouts, he will begin his fundraising, which will include a tag sale here at Vail's Grove. His meeting with the Boy Scouts is in September/October. Solar lights will also illuminate the area and the flags. Christian is 16 years old and has spent his entire life here at Vail's Grove and is a member of a valued family of volunteers. Mr. Jack Waltzer thanked Christian for the undertaking of this important project. Ms. Myers made a motion that the Vail's Grove Board of Directors accepts this wonderful offer/project by Christian Duffy. Mr. O'Toole seconded. Mr. Duffy abstained. All others in favor. Motion approved. Christian Duffy presented a very precise, clearly explained plan for this project.

REAL ESTATE: No Report

SUNSHINE:

Our sincerest condolences are sent to Ken Sullivan and family on the passing of Ken's father.

MEMBERSHIP: No Report

PAVILION: No report

LEGAL: No report

BOATS RAMP/NORTH END: No Report

PUBLIC HEALTH/PUMPHOUSE: No report

RECREATION: No Report

LEND A HAND:

Ms. Salerno said that Helen Vail is doing a great job as new Chair of Lend-a-Hand Committee.

BEACH:

The beach has been busy with people and families. We have received some compliments on our lifeguards and their attention their work. We are pleased with our staff at the beach. We thank Jay Moore for cleaning and maintaining the beach and Cindy Battreall for the handling the lifeguard inquiries about the calendar and bookkeeping. We have dinner at the beach this Friday and final cocktail party is coming soon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47