

VAIL'S GROVE COOPERATIVE, INC.

BOARD MEETING

January 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Ms. Salerno called the meeting to order at 8:20.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Ms. Broderick, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Early, Mr. Janecek, Mr. LaRocca, Mr. McGuinness, Ms. Myers, Ms. Salerno, and Mr. Vincent. Absent: Ms. Mytych, Ms. Olimpieri and Ms. Rubini.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Ms. Myers made a motion to approve minutes of December 19, 2023, minutes. Mr. Janecek seconded. Ms. Mytych abstained. All others in favor. Motion approved.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF STOCKHOLDERS:

Mr. James Collins informed the Board that he celebrated his 60th birthday 2 weeks ago.

COMMUNICATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN REPORTS:

The Board received a letter from Liz Gallagher, who grew up here in the Grove. She and her husband Patrick are proposing to buy the property that was formerly 14 Locust Road where there had previously been a home. The Board is not interested in selling this property and the office will inform the Gallaghers.

A letter was received from Meghan Cassidy expressing her concern that a tree on the corner of White Oak Lane and Leahy Lane, where there is overflowing parking has holes and decay and she believes that this is a dangerous condition. Mr. LaRocca will put this tree on his list of trees that need to be inspected and have the work done.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECRETARY/OFFICE THOMAS DUFFY/CINDY BATTREALL

The company that printed our Directory for years had stopped printing. I received a price from a local printer- after waiting for quite some time. The price was very high and as you know, the directory is paid for solely by the money received from local business for advertising. I contacted the previous printer and pleaded with him and...he is doing the changes, and he got a printer to do the printing for money we collected from ads. I am very pleased we were able to do this at no cost to the Grove.

Once again, I would like to remind residents that if they have an issue, problem, concern, they should please put it in writing or e-mail to the office. If the Board members are approached, please pass that information along.

The dog issue is getting out of control. Way too many people are walking dogs off leashes. The North End is designated as a place where dogs can run around without being leashed. However, many complaints are coming in about the dogs pooping down there and the owners not picking up before they leave. In addition, the number of droppings on people's lawns is getting out of control. Again, if approached, please tell residents to put in writing so we can start sending letters and fining.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: MICHAEL EARLY

Mr. Early reported that a drain overflowed at Mr. Kuczmerowskis house at 1 Hilltop. Mr. Early will ask Petr to put topsoil on the washed-out area and check the drain.

PAVILION: CINDY BATTREALL

Ms. Battreall read a letter from Robyn Errico of 3 Vail's Lake Shore Drive regarding a family reunion on May 31 and June 1, 2024. Just in case the weather is bad, they are renting the Pavilion for those 2 days. They also asked in the letter if they could take some guests to the beach in case someone wanted to swim. They would hire one of our lifeguards not working that day, for an hour or two. Mr. or Mrs. Errico would need to be at the beach with their guests. They are also wondering if someone on the lake with a pontoon boat would want to be hired to give a few guests rides around the lake. Also, Mr. VanScoy would be hired by the Erricos to organize the parking for both days.

Mr. Vincent made the motion to approve. Mr. LaRocca seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

REAL ESTATE: THOMAS DUFFY

Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve a post and rail fence, forty-two" high on the east side of 41 Vail's Lake Shore Drive. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy would be responsible if the fence came down due to a snowplow, etc. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

SUNSHINE:

Ms. Mytych sent a thank you note to the Board, expressing how grateful she is for the kind words and beautiful roses in sympathy for the loss of her brother.

PLEC: JASON LAROCCA:

2,200 feet of the Peach Lake Brook was cleaned out in Oct – Dec. at a cost of \$185,000. (143,000 from the Putnam County grant and 42,000 from the DEC grant). There is still \$58,000 from the DEC grant to clean out the rest of the remaining seven hundred feet. PLEC hopes to get a work party together in March to check and make sure that there were no fallen trees from the storms that may have fallen into the Brook.

Despite the high water from the storms the last few weeks, the water flow continues to be improved, and the pipes at Cobb Rd are accommodating the drainage without overflowing.

Ryder Farm and Starr Ridge Association were thanked for their help in taking compost debris and providing access for the Brook clean up.

PLEC has approved a motion to request annual donations of \$5 per Peach Lake household (up from \$2 per household). Vail's will continue to donate the \$2.00 per house per year. PLEC says that additional money will be used to keep the Brook clear. Mr. LaRocca also said that if anyone wants to donate to PLEC, it would be appreciated. We could put this information in the next Vail's Voice.

LEGAL: MARY RUBINI

Ms. Rubini made a motion to approve the transfer of shares from Eileen Brooking to Eileen Brooking Irrevocable Trust, with Christine Brooking and Katherine M. Brooking as Trustees. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

BEACH/RECREATION- JULIANN SALERNO, SARAH BRODERICK, PETER VINCENT, MEGHAN CASSIDY

Join us on Saturday, January 20th at the pavilion for Bingo! Doors open at 6:00 pm and bingo begins at 6:30 pm. Bingo cards are \$5 for ten games and dabbers will be available for \$1 each. There will be a door prize. Concession will be open. BYOB.

Hello all you fellow football lovers. We will be holding our NFL Championship Football Sunday Party on Sunday, January 28th. The event will begin one half hour before the first game. Come join us for game day food and watch the game. BYOB.

We will also have our Vails Grove Superbowl Pool boxes for Sale soon. Boxes are \$10.00 each. Cash only please.

This year for Valentines Day we will be supporting North Salem's Valentines for Seniors. Please consider making a card or two for one of the North Salem senior citizens & home bound residents. There will be a mailbox outside the pavilion to drop your cards and we will drop them off at the town collection. Cards are requested by February 4th. The Ruth Keeler Memorial Library has card-making kits available if you need supplies.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.