

**VAIL'S GROVE COOPERATIVE, INC**

**.BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

**January 15, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 8:07 pm and asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Cassidy took attendance: Present: Mr. Ryan, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Janeczek, Mr. McGuinness, Mr. O'Toole, Ms. Natiello, Ms. McHale, Ms. Myers. Absent: Ms. Rubini, Mr. Norcross and Ms. Waltzer.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

Mr. McGuinness made a motion to accept the minutes of the December Board meeting. Ms. Myers seconded. Mr. Duffy added a sentence. Ms. McHale abstained. All others in favor. Motion approved.

**COMMENTS & CONCERNS OF STOCKHOLDERS:**

Mr. Ryan discussed a letter from a stockholder complaining about a quad being driven on Grove roads. Mr. Andrews made a motion to send a letter to the quad drivers parents with a warning, and that a fine will be imposed if it happens again. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

We also received a letter from a Stockholder expressing his disagreement with the Pavilion being rented to non-stockholders without the having a "sponsor" from within the Grove. The Grove does not rent the Pavilion to anyone who does not have some sort of connection to the Grove and the fee of \$1000 is very beneficial. Therefore, this practice will continue.

**COMMUNICATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN REPORTS BELOW:**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CHAIRPERSON:**

No Report

**VICE-CHAIRPERSON:**

No Report

**VICE-PRESIDENT:**

No report

**TREASURER:**

No Report

**ETHICS:**

No report

**FINANCE:**

No Report

**SECRETARY:**

Mr. Cassidy reported the following:

The January invoice/directory mailing went out. The office will be closed Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, Martin Luther King Day. Peter Rossi, our independent auditor/accountant, will be spending the day in the office on Thursday, January 22 for the annual audit of Vails Grove Cooperative and preliminary tax preparation.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:**

Ms. Myers made a motion to re-name Spruce Lane to "Leahy Lane", in honor of John Leahy, who was a very dedicated, active member of the Board and the Grove. Mr. Andrews seconded. Mr. Cassidy abstained. All others in favor. Motion approved.

Mr. Moore then gave the following report:

Becker's Way street sign was found and replaced. A new roof has been installed on the pump house, gratis of Ken Sullivan. Thank you to Mr. Sullivan. We still need to discuss our options for sand/salt purchase and storage. Ms. Waltzer had a conversation with the North Salem Highway Department Superintendent and he stated that he will continue to supply Vails Grove with sand/salt through this winter. He will take the matter to his Town Board at the end of the season to discuss the feasibility of continuing this service, but feels that they will probably discontinue. He also stated that Southeast has a more complicated situation in that they have many private communities whose roads are not served by the Town. A letter went to the Southeast Town Board on the subject of sand/salt for our roads and we are awaiting a response.

Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Ryan suggested possibly using one of the garage bays for storage. Mr. Moore said that is not an option. Hartshorn stores his sand/salt too far away from our property for him to have to go back and forth. Ms. Myers suggested possibly getting an engineer in to help discuss possible run-off issues. Discussion was had about where to store the sand/salt and who should purchase it and store it. Mr. Ryan said if we purchase a bin, we would need an engineer study. Ms. Myers said she would have a discussion with the Highway Superintendent in North Salem about perhaps storing sand/salt at a facility in North Salem.

There was a storm drain leak on Orchard and Vail's Lake Shore Drive. Butler Excavating is presently working on it, repairing and replacing bad pipe and putting in a new storm drain.

**INSURANCE:**

Mr. O'Toole made a motion to bind the 2015 property insurance from SKCG. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion approved. Mr. O'Toole will speak to SKCG regarding limits on some of our coverages.

**SUNSHINE:**

Ms. Enos sent the following report:

Congratulations to Bill and Maureen Carroll on the birth of their new son, Kieran, born on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Best wishes to David Janecek. We wish him speedy recovery after knee surgery. Condolences to Warren Lucas and family on the recent passing of his father, Warren Bloomer Lucas. Condolences to Amy Kellberg and David Janecek on the passing of Amy's father. Best wishes to Pat McGuinness after his knee surgery.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Ms. Natiello made a motion to approve a Line of Credit application from Natalie Longo at 105 VLSD. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Ms. Natiello made a motion to approve Re-Finance application from Bill Devine at 1 Maple. Mr. Andrews seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

**BOATS RAMP/NORTH END STORAGE:**

No Report

**PAVILION RENTAL:**

Mr. Cassidy made a motion to approve Pavilion rental application from Janet Murphy for March 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING:**

No Report

**OMBUSDMAN:**

Mr. Ryan asked Ms. Myers if she would be the Chair of the Grievance Committee. Ms. Myers accepted.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

Mr. Janecek made a motion to remove the following two rules from our Rules and Regulations:

Rule 21 – Satellite Dishes

Rule 24 – Sprinkler Systems

Ms. Myers seconded.

Mr. Duffy suggested possibly imposing a fee for sprinkler systems in the future, if we find that it is taxing our water usage too much.

Motion from. Mr. Janecek voted on. All in favor. Motion approved.

**PLEC:**

No report

**LEGAL:**

No report

**AESTHETICS:**

No Report

**RECREATION:**

The St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 in the Pavilion. The McLean Avenue Band will be performing. Cost is \$35 pp or a table of eight for \$250. BYOB.

Mr. Ryan asked Mr. Dress how the New Year's Eve Party was. Mr. Dress and Mr. Janecek each gave \$40 to cover the remaining costs. The DJ was great and the food was great. 60 people attended. There will be a Super Bowl Party at Bloomerside Pavilion.

Mr. Ryan asked Ms. Battreall to get the names and phone numbers of the Chairs of the other developments around the lake. He thinks a meeting to discuss issues would be positive. All will be informed when that will happen.

The office was asked to look at street light bills from NYSEG and to arrange for a possible energy audit of our outside lights and the Pavilion. Solar panels for the Pavilion will also be investigated, along with possibly having NYSEG change the wattage of the bulbs in the Street Lights. Mr. Ryan asked Mr. Moore to install programmable thermostats in the Pavilion.

**PUBLIC HEALTH/PUMPHOUSE:**

We now have Department of Health approvals. Final payment to the contractor will be made when all punch list items are complete.

**BEACH:**

No Report

**Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.**