

**VAIL'S GROVE COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

**MARCH 18, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice-Chairperson Duffy called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Secretary Victoria Desidero took attendance. Present: Jim Andes, Tom Duffy, Victoria Desidero, Rob Norcross, Joan Myers, Mary Rubini, Fred Witte, Frank Cassidy. Absent: Sue Enos, Ellen Mytych, Ronnie Waltzer, Sharon Scott.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

Joan Myers made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2009 meeting. Mary Rubini seconded. Victoria Desidero abstained. All others in favor. Motion passed.

**COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF STOCKHOLDERS:**

Helen Vail spoke to bring an issue to the Board that she would like addressed. If someone is interested in getting a Zoning Board variance, after they receive Board approval, they need to go through a very complicated procedure with the Town of Southeast. The mailing list that you need to use contains 145 names, 10 of which are at Starr Ridge. The town requires people notify by certified, return receipt letters. The town, according to Helen Vail, thinks of Vail's Grove as one entity, and people within 500 feet of Vail's Grove need to be notified. Ms. Vail would like to have the Board step in and discuss this issue with the town of Southeast. Ms. Vail stated that The Town of Southeast Zoning Board thinks this is also a waste. Tom Duffy stated that he will discuss this issue with Mary Vail and Ronnie Waltzer and maybe they can contact the Town and get something done regarding this issue.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CHAIRPERSON:**

No report

**VICE-CHAIRPERSON:**

Vice-Chairperson Duffy reported than in the Executive Session, the board discussed that there are no stockholders who are two quarters in arrears.

**SECRETARY:**

Victoria Desidero made a motion to set the Annual Meeting for Sunday, September 13, 2009. Fred Witte seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

The deadline for the Vail's Voice next issue will be March 28, 2009.

Cindy Battreal is organizing a Blood Drive at the Pavilion on Monday, April 20, from 2:00 – 7:30 pm, in Honor of Ryan Bierce.

**RECREATION/SOCIAL:**

Mary Rubini reported that Yoga is in the Pavilion with Dr. Anne Brandon on Tuesdays from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, \$10 per person. Dr. Brandon would like to hold an additional session on Thursday nights if there is interest.

Mary Rubini made a motion to allow Yoga on Thursdays evenings to be held by Dr. Anne Brandon. Joan Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**LEGAL:**

Mary Rubini reported that she prepared an amendment to the Contract of Sale of the land at the North End for the WWTP. It was sent to the town attorneys of North Salem and Southeast. Some minor changes were made. At this time, the North Salem attorney does not want the restrictive covenant in the amendment as they want to keep the options open to possibly put something else there to keep costs down for the Sewer Districts. The Board does not agree as we do not want there to be any possibility of anything else being constructed on the site other than the plant and the restrictive covenant was voted on to be placed in the contract when the Board approved this additional land purchase.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Mary Rubini, Sue Enos and Frank Cassidy met and came up with a strategy and what would be required to be completed if anyone wants to transfer their house into the name of a family member. The form is basically the same as a new Membership Application because these individuals need to be treated the same as anyone else requesting membership in the Cooperative. The Board has a responsibility to the entire Cooperative, with the same credit, criminal, etc., checks being run. The issue they are still working on is the issue of “Trusts.” Mr. Becker created a document for people to complete when family members were to be named in a Trust. A Trust needs to be created and shareholders can transfer their assets into the Trust. The people named in the Trust are required to sign an indemnity agreement, stating that they take on the financial responsibility. Discussion was held on this matter.

It was requested that the Committee has a procedure in place in time to be enclosed in the Board packet for the April Board meeting, so the Board can review and finalize at that meeting.

Frank Cassidy made a motion to approve the re-finance application from Joan and John Myers. Victoria Desidero seconded. Joan Myers abstained. All in favor. Motion passed.

**COMMUNITY LIAISON:**

Margaret Flannery reported that Paul Greenwood has resigned as Supervisor of the Town of North Salem, and Warren Lucas has been appointed as Supervisor. Warren Lucas is pro-Peach Lake and very knowledgeable about the Lake. In Southeast, the Sewer/WWTP public hearing will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Southeast Town Hall. Margaret Flannery will give more information to the office for a robo-call.

**LEND-A-HAND:**

Margaret Flannery reported that the “Go Ryan” fundraiser for Ryan Bierce was a success. Margaret would like more people to volunteer to make phone calls to residents, who need to have a call or a visit from time to time. Victoria Desidero suggested that an article be put in the Vail’s Voice regarding this.

**AESTHETICS:**

Victoria Desidero reported that along with the Recreation/Social Committee, there would be a Spring Clean-up Day on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will be served when everyone comes to the Pavilion for their assignments.

**BOAT RAMP/NORTH END STORAGE:**

Victoria Desidero reported that she is waiting for the Revised Key rule for the Boat Ramp from Jim Cull. Victoria stated that the Boat Ramp/North End storage Committee meeting would be on April 22. At that time, it will be determined who will be holding the keys for the Boat Ramp. Key holders will be required to sign a statement taking responsibility for the key, will pay for replacement of lock and key (if lost), must be a member in good standing, and the keys need to be returned to the office after the boating season.

Kurt Guldan, a volunteer for the North Salem Fire Department, asked for a key to the Boat Ramp so that it is easier for them to do rescue drills and emergency situations. Victoria Desidero asked Kurt to contact her to discuss this request.

Jack Waltzer sent in the following reports to be read at the meeting:

**PUMPHOUSE:**

The Putnam Count Department of Health conducted its annual pump house inspection on Thursday and requested that a vacuum breaker be placed on the hose used to fill the chlorine tank. The inspector noted no other items of interest. He did comment that if the WWTP hooked up to our system, the PCDH would have requirements about backflow prevention and expected water usage by the WWTP.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:**

Roads will be swept when we can reasonably expect no further snow. The RFP for the mowing has been sent and the contract will be awarded the first week of April. Damage to the curbs will be discussed with the plow contractor; repairs will begin when blacktop is available. Jack expects the contractor to pick up expenses wherever the road was properly marked (e.g., at the curb). (Some people marked their curbs very far in, so that may be an issue). Paving of severe potholes will be accomplished at this time as well; others will be filled and cold patched by Buildings & Grounds. Gravel at parking lots will be added and graded. Drainage will continue to be studied, and remedied where possible depending on flow source, existing lines and grade pitch.

**REAL ESTATE:**

Joan Myers made motion to accept request for approved application from Kurt Guldan to be extended for one year, to install a fence. Victoria Desidero seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

**SUNSHINE:**

Sue Enos sent the following report:

“We are very saddened to report the passing of Michael Mullaney and William Mathieson, who just turned 100 years old in January.” A thank you note from the family of Michael Mullaney was also read at the meeting.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING:**

No Report

**BEACH:**

Rob Norcross reported that he would like to set up a Beach clean-up day for the Beach area and Koestlers Garden. It was decided that he would work with Victoria Desidero and be part of the April 18 clean-up day.

**WWTP:**

Tom Duffy reported that we have already discussed some legal issues re: WWTP. Tom Duffy, along with Charlie Voelkl, met on March 7 with Warren Lucas, Michael Rights, Sarah Cwikla, and the town attorneys, and reviewed the entire project. The bid package will be going out in April. There is a possibility of obtaining additional funds from New York State and the Federal Government as part of President Obama’s infrastructure improvement package. This money needs to be spent by a certain date and New York State will be eligible for more money.

The prospects for us obtaining some portion of this money are very good. Tom is working with Peggy Boyle regarding letters to officials asking for this money.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Tom Duffy reported that Ralph Matachierri is willing to cover security again this year from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend.

**PAVILION:**

Jim Andes made a motion to approve application from Angela Grindle, who is being sponsored by Kurt Guldan, for a party on June 26. Victoria Desidero seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Jim Andes made motion to approve application from Joanne Taylor for rental on May 9. Victoria Desidero seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Jim Andes made motion to approve application for rental from John and Janet O’Loughlin for August 29. Parking will be required. Victoria Desidero seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

**INSURANCE:**

Cindy Battreall reported that she is working on a “paper audit” for last year, required by The State Insurance Fund for Workers Compensation.

**OMBUDSMAN:**

No Report

Joan Myers made motion to adjourn the meeting. Victoria Desidero seconded. Meeting adjourned at. 9:15 pm.