

VAIL'S GROVE COOPERATIVE, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

October 16, 2012

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm and asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Cassidy took attendance: Present: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Duffy, Ms. Enos, Mr. McGuinness, Ms. McHale, Ms. Myers, Ms. Mytych, Ms. Natiello, Mr. Norcross, Mr. Ryan, Ms. Rubini. Absent: Ms. Waltzer.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Mr. Cassidy made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2012 meeting. Ms. Myers seconded. In favor: Ms. Enos, Ms. Rubini, Mr. Norcross, Mr. Cassidy, Ms. McHale, Ms. Myers and Mr. Ryan. Abstain: Mr. Duffy, Mr. McGuinness, Ms. Natiello, and Mr. Andrews.

Mr. Cassidy made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16 meeting, which was the meeting held immediately after the Annual meeting. Ms. Myers seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mr. Cassidy made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2012 Board meeting. Ms. Myers seconded. Abstain: Ms. Rubini, Mr. Norcross and Ms. Enos. All others in favor. Motion approved.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS OF STOCKHOLDERS:

Mrs. Blackwell spoke to the Board regarding her concerns about the speeding of vehicles through the Grove. She gave some suggestions about what she thinks could be done to help this situation. Mrs. Blackwell stated that visitors, vendors, contractors are the greatest offenders. She suggests sending out letters to shareholders about a new, no speeding tolerated policy which she would be happy to draft. She also stated that offenders would be fined if they are observed speeding (witnesses count, photos count). Removable speed bumps are not very expensive and could be removed for snow season. They come in different heights. Obtain an electric sign from the town which tells people how fast they are going. She thinks these should be next to the speed limit signs. Ms. Blackwell also said she would ask the police if they could patrol during busier times and speak with them about how they could assist us with this issue. Ms. Blackwell would also like to post anti-speeding signs through the Grove reminding all about what the fine would be. She thinks we need to start fining people via neighborhood watches, cameras, etc. This would require all of us to be on the same page and to work together on this. Mrs. Blackwell is also concerned about drivers using Ramp 2 during the hours when the school buses are coming.

Mr. Ryan stated that the 10-mile speed limit cannot be enforced. The police cannot come in to write tickets for this. Those are Vail's Grove signs which are our recommended speed limit. Because this is private property, Mr. Ryan said the police cannot come in and enforce speeding. Mr. Ryan is very

concerned about people stepping in the road giving out flyers to tell people to slow down. Mr. Ryan stated that this is too dangerous. He said that we can consider additional signs. With regard to Ramp 2, Mr. Ryan stated that the State owns Route 121 ten feet in from the road. As a result, we cannot close that ramp, as it is town property. He did say we could try to put more information out there, such as in the Vail's Voice to remind people about this issue. Mr. Ryan stated that if Mrs. Blackwell gives us information and we fine people, she needs to be willing to come to Grievance hearings if people request them. This issue will need to be a work in progress and that Mrs. Blackwell brought up some valid points. Mr. Ryan stated that if Mrs. Blackwell wants to work on this and bring to the Board, we would discuss then. Mr. McGuinness said that this is a concern for the entire Grove. Ms. Enos asked if we could get more speed bumps. Mr. Ryan said that the ones that get screwed into the road would ruin the road. He said we could take step by step on this issue. Hopefully public awareness would help the issue. Ms. Enos said that speed humps would be a good idea and we should try one to see how it works.

COMMUNICATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN REPORTS BELOW:

Mr. Ryan discussed an issue that has come up about us charging the Peach Lake Sewer District for the water usage over the past and for the future. There is a meter in the WWTP and Mr. Ryan sent a letter to Tony Hay and Warren Lucas about this issue. Mr. Ryan received a response back from Warren and Mr. Ryan asked Jack Waltzer how we should proceed with this. Jack Waltzer will get back to Mr. Ryan about this procedure. Warren Lucas does acknowledge that the water fee will be paid to us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON:

Mr. Ryan reported the following: We have finalized the Committee chairs for 2012-2013. A few Board members have moved into different committees and have begun the learning process. The Board has discussed the Public Liaison Committee and thinks this committee should be more attentive to the elected officials who cover our community. This remains a work in progress and more information will be forthcoming. Work has begun on the 2013 budget and there has been significant progress in keeping costs in line. Mr. Cassidy will let us know about some savings in our propane use in the Secretary's report. We are still working on replacing the water storage tanks. We have downsized the project significantly in order to keep costs down, but as a result, we now need to re-file plans with the Department of Health.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON:

No report

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Mr. Duffy made a motion to have Legal send a letter to GHD informing them that there was 24 months of our land being used without being restored, for a total of \$12,000 that is now owed to Vail's Grove. Mr. Cassidy seconded. All in favor.

TREASURER:

Ms. Mytych made a motion to have three stockholders sent to legal for collection to begin, as they are 2 or more quarters behind. Ms. Enos seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Ms. Mytych reported that in Executive Session, the 2013 budget was discussed. She stated that presently we are under budget for spending. Ms. Mytych thanks the Board for staying under budget and thanks Ms. Battreall for saving the Grove over \$1000 on propane bills for the Pump house by negotiating with the supplier.

SECRETARY:

Mr. Cassidy reported the following:

The office received a bill from Suburban Propane, who tops off the generator at pump house once a year with propane. The bill was \$2231.02. The office contacted Suburban to suggest that the price of \$4.89 a gallon was high. They brought the price down to \$3.69 a gallon, saving us \$544. The office then received a bill from Leahys for propane to heat Pavilion and they charged us \$2.69 a gallon. Another call was placed to Suburban by the office and they MATCHED the price, thereby bringing the invoice from #2231 down to \$1232.28 and the office is very happy. The office will meet with both Suburban and Leahys to see about getting a good price if we give both locations to one vendor.

October 15th deadline for changes, deletions, additions to the 2012/2013 directory. Then will start working with printer. Quarterly bills went out for fourth quarter. Office sent out bid letters for snow removal contract for 2012/2013. Office received two invoices from the Peach Lake Sewer District for usage period of April 2012 to 12/31/2012 for \$300 each. After numerous conversations with Karen Roach at North Salem Tax Office explaining that the maintenance garage should not be charged, they have agreed to remove that bill from the Sewer District list, thereby saving us \$300. Day to day business is busy.

ETHICS:

No Report

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Ms. Battreall read the report for Buildings & Grounds. The Boat Storage area has been cleared from brush and over grown weeds. The roof at the pavilion has been repaired by Kenco (minor repair). Bell Heating was in to service the heating units as part of the service contract. Two new batteries were purchased for the truck. The large dock at the beach has been removed and more will be removed each day. Gardens are being prepared for winter. The lawn contract has one more cutting remaining. Ms. Waltzer makes a recommendation to award the snow plowing contract to Tompkins, who we have had for the past few years, at a price of \$14,800, which is \$1000 more than the last two years. We sent out 6 bid letters and received three back. The other two prices were \$34,361 and \$18,000. As we enter leaf season a reminder that recycle paper leaf bags are only for leaves and grass clippings. No plastic bags. No brush and branches are to be in papers bags. Please pile your branches and brush at the curbside for pickup. Reminder that branches should be cut to no longer than 4 feet in length.

Ms. Enos made a motion to award the snow removal contract to Tompkins Lawn and Landscape. Ms. Natiello seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve application from Paul Wicha of 109 Vail's Lake Shore Drive for the installation of 3 100 gallon propane tanks and a generator on the same side of the house. Ms. Enos seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

INSURANCE:

No Report

REAL ESTATE:

Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve an application for Mr. and Mrs. Mytych to construct a small greenhouse on their property. Ms. Myers seconded. Ms. Mytych abstained. All others in favor. Motion approved.

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TREE:

Mr. Norcross discussed a tree issue between two homeowners regarding a tree that is on the property of one of them. Mr. Norcross is trying to help the owners come to a friendly resolution about this.

SUNSHINE:

Ms. Enos reported that Mary Becker is home from the hospital and feeling better. In addition, the Board sends sympathies to Denise Andrews on the passing of her mother, Rose Cipriano.

MEMBERSHIP:

Ms. Natiello made a motion to approve the rental of Gladys Valencia at the Camissa house on Terrace. Ms. Valencia has been renting another home on Terrace and is moving for more space. Mr. Cassidy seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

BOAT RAMP:

No Report

WWTP:

No report

PAVILION RENTAL:

Ms. Myers made a motion to approve a Pavilion rental for Mr. Hrvatin, being sponsored by Fred Witte for November 17, 2012. Ms. Enos seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

No Report

OMBUDSMAN:

No Report

LEGAL:

No Report

RECREATION:

Ms. Vail reported that there will be a Halloween Party on October 31st, in the Pavilion, from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. RSVP's are necessary. The Vail's Grove Annual Christmas Party will be on December 22nd. Ladies Night Out Vendor Fair will be in the Pavilion on November 15, 2012.

AESTHETICS:

No Report

PUMPHOUSE/PUBLIC HEALTH:

No Report

BEACH:

Mr. Cassidy reported that there is a drainage issue at the Beach that will need to be dealt with in the spring. There is water going under the shed. Mr. Cassidy discussed possible Rototilling of the beach in the spring.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report

LEND A HAND:

No Report

WELCOME:

No Report

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

