

**EASTERN NORWALK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**August 13, 2008
Minutes**

Board Member Attendees: Laurel Lindstrom (president), Diane Cece

Board Members Absent: Sarah Hunter, Gordon Tully, Nick Overall

Advisory Board Member Attendees: Marija Bryant

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Others: none

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM
2. No public participation at this time since no members of public present
3. Regular Business:
 - a. Watch List Properties
 - i. **23 Platt Street:** Informational meeting was held. Harbor Commission, Shellfish Commission, League of Women Voters involved. Public hearing before the DEP likely in the fall. ENNA in supportive role to the environmental groups, but will gage specifics of support as more information becomes available.
 - ii. **Former Fitch School property:** Laurel was approached by a potential developer interested in retaining and rehabbing the current building for rental apartments. Wants to know what neighborhood reaction would be before proceeding. Issue of density, traffic and multifamily housing in a residential neighborhood likely would present similar problems for the neighborhood as did the last plan.
 - iii. **30 Winfield Street – Vanderbilt property.** Public hearing scheduled for August 20 before the Zoning Commission. Diane will find out if there is to be increased use and traffic. Also, is looking into the drainage issues.
 - iv. **2 Pequot Drive:** pumping station proposed for site by Town of Westport. Neighbors upset. Laurel researching impacts.
 - v. **41 High Street;** Marija reports that a historic house that is on the site of the stone crushing business has demolition notice. Issue of grandfathered use discussed and whether zoning issues could prevent the demolition.
 - vi. **93 East Avenue:** will go to court again. Outcome up the judge. Windows now boarded up.
 - vii. **Fodor Farm:** not in ENNA area but of interest. Good Morning America filmed spot on location. Andy Glazer to restore one of the city buildings. Fundraiser dinner planned for September 24.
 - b. Neighborhood Issues/Committees
 - i. **Speeding & Traffic:** Review of traffic calming. Laurel arranged meetings between city officials and Dan Burden of Walkable Communities when he was in town. As a result the recommendation for a Traffic Calming Master Plan was added to Norwalk's Master Plan of Conservation and Development before it was approved by the Council. A review of the Strawberry Hill Ave. 'Safe Routes to School' design by Dan Burden resulted in a recommendation to Public Works to add a roundabout at Tierney and possibly another at County. ENNA will pursue with DPW and residents.

- ii. **Neighborhood Flooding:** Buckingham/Lockwood on hold until DEP can resolve issue of bacteria counts. RFP going out for Olmstead piping project.
 - iii. **Crime:** CNNA is pursuing through committee work.
- c. Mayor's Neighborhood Preservation Committee Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - i. Meeting was canceled but Seligson Properties presented the Waypointe plan to the group
- d. CNNA Report – Diane Cece
 - i. Next meeting is August 25. Waypoint plan will be presented to the group by Seligson Properties August 14 at 7:30 PM. To focus on the financing/bonding issues.
- e. NPT Report – Marija Bryant
 - i. See above re 93 East Ave., 41 High St. and Fodor Farm
 - ii. Wall Street Historic District needs two thirds vote of residents to be approved
 - iii. Grant in place for update of historic resource inventory
- f. Trees, Landscape & Adopt-A-Spots –Nick Overall absent
 - i. Calf Pasture Beach Road tree planting plan – Hal Alvord, Director of Public Works, approached Laurel to arrange a public informational meeting after Laurel had strongly recommended to him that such a meeting take place. Laurel will suggest Sept. 10 at 7 PM.
 - ii. American Elm on Norwalk Green – Marija
- g. Website – discussion

Board Only (some of information included above in item #3 may have been discussed during 'board only' part of meeting)

- 4. Minutes
 - a. May, June and July minutes tabled.
- 5. President's Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - a. Contained earlier in meeting
- 6. Treasurer's report – Diane Cece. Presented itemized report for month ending July 31.
- 7. Other Business
- 8. Next regular and annual board meeting: September 10, 2008
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM

Submitted by Laurel Lindstrom