

Green's Farms Association
Board Meeting December 6, 2023

Members Attending: Art Schoeller, Lois Sussman, Birthe Shwisha, Bitsy Higgins, Mitch Higgins, MaryAnn Meyer, Kat Palmer and RTM-5 Members Dick Lowenstein and Peter Gold.

1) Welcome New Board Member

Art introduced Kat Palmer who is our newest Board Member. Kat resides at Turkey Hill South with her husband who is a 3rd generation Westporter. Kat has expressed interest in the Board and was recommended by RTM-5 Rep Claudia Shaum. Kat has an interest in preserving and adding to the charm of Greens Farms including Burying Hill Beach as well as the traffic issues along Greens Farms Road. She was delighted that a stop sign has been placed at Greens Farms Road and New Creek Road as a way to slow traffic along the road. Welcome Kat!

2) 1060 Post Road East: Proposed Restaurant

A restaurant with either a drive-through or drive-in is proposed at the former gas station at 1060 Post Road East. This is located across from The Little Barn restaurant at the corner of Church Street South and Post Road East.

There is an application submitted to the ZBA for approval for the proposed two story restaurant. Many neighbors living along Church Street South, Garden Lane and Iris Lane have submitted letters to the ZBA as they are concerned of the added traffic which would add to the already congested area, safety issues regarding school bus and students and their families walking to and from the Greens Farms School as well as the overall design and lighting. Art will be submitting a letter on behalf of the GF Association to the ZBA with our concerns.

3) Update on Nyala Farms Deed Restrictions/Bridgewater Associates

Art has met with Chrissey Hunt and Jennifer Zimmerman regarding the misuse of the Nyala Farms property which is deed restricted. The deed restrictions are on the deed and remain on the deed regardless of the ownership. There have been several recent P&Z violations including the slip and slide installed for a summer outing organized by Bridgewater Associates, the current owner and tenant. Since taking ownership, none of the 24 permits from the P&Z in the last 5 years received any neighbor sign off. There are lighting and pathways in the restricted zone which are clear violations of the original special permit. There was also a so-

called Meadow Madness, which pumped thousands of gallons of water into a wetland without a sign off from either P&Z or Conservation. Discussions continue with the Town, the neighbors, attorneys and Bridgewater to review the violations and to correct them.

4) GFA Website Bitsy will be in touch with Art regarding our website.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 10th 2024