

Green's Farms Association Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 (Zoom)

Attending: Art Schoeller, Liz-Ann Koos, Birthe Shwisha, Judy Swann, Norman Kramer, Bitsy Higgins, Mitch Higgins, Kat Palmer, MaryAnn Meyer and RTM-5
Reps: Karen Kramer, Claudia Shaum, Dick Lowenstein and Peter Gold.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 9th to coordinate setup for our Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting is Wednesday, May 15th.

BOARD MINUTES

1) Nyala Farms Update

Jennifer Zimmerman of Clapboard Hill Road sent Art an update regarding Bridgewater violations at Nyala Farms. The Board continues to monitor this issue and lend its support to the neighbors in the area.

2) New Creek –Beachside Avenue bus turning

Kat Palmer provided photos of the area showing the buses making right hand turns from New Creek onto Beachside Area. The photos show the eroded roadway and created a mud pit from these turns. It's a difficult turn and the drivers are driving along the opposite of New Creek in order to make the wide turn onto Beachside Avenue. One of the photos also showed a large coach bus recently making the same turn. Kat has been in touch with the bus company and Elio Longo (CFO) from the Board of Education who are cooperating. Kate has noticed that buses have stopped taking this route.

Peter Gold mentioned that Public Works is planning to install a sidewalk from Greens Farms Train Station to GF Academy as many student commute by train. Suggestions from Bitsy Higgins and Peter Gold to contact Flood and Erosion and Conservation regarding the erosion at New Creek and Beachside Avenue.

3) Muddy Brook Meeting

Art contacted Keith Wilberg (Town Engineer) to discuss the outcomes from the recent meeting on Muddy Brook. Three bridges will be replaced at Center Street, Greens Farms Road and Hillandale/Center Street, starting with the Hillandale Bridge. Bitsy recently spoke to Judy Smith who lives at 67 Center Street. Her driveway off of Center Street and is over Muddy Brook. Many times her driveway is flooded. It is uncertain the effects of the bridge repairs on the driveway. The Board will provide any new updates from Public Works to the neighbors bordering Muddy Brook.

4) Proposed Police, Fire, EMS Headquarters

The RTM approved funding of a study which will provide proposal ideas, location and costs to build a headquarters with Police, Fire and EMS at one location. The study is to be completed by the end of the year. Thanks to our RTM-5 Reps for supporting the funding of the study.

Dick Lowenstein mentioned that a location at the Sherwood Island Connector may be under consideration. Karen Kramer added that the parcel of land across from the GF Church Lower Cemetery is no longer under consideration. A parcel at #55 Greens Farms Road may also be under consideration. Peter Gold mentioned that the owner of the property filed for a variance at Town Hall for renovations to convert the office space to medical offices.

5) Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 15th and will be held at the Greens Farms Church. Judy Swann has coordinated with John Coyne, Director of Operations regarding setup and arrangements for our Annual Meeting.

Jen Tooker, First Selectwoman has agreed return this year to be our guest speaker. Art is getting address lists from the Registrar of Voters for RTM-5 and RTM District 4A which are located in Greens Farms. There was a discussion on using a larger postcard which may require additional postage. Art to look into this option as well as another printing facility mentioned by Bitsy and Norman. Bitsy will write up a list of items needed for the Annual Meeting.

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