

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS HERITAGE & ENVIRONS COMMITTEE (“HEC”)
Meeting Minutes January 18, 2017

Call to Order:

Chairman Neil Fern called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Neil Fern, Lorraine Briggs, Danato Cantalupo, Suzy Mogler, Liz Olsen and Robin VanCastle

Members Absent: Daniel Mjolsness, Erin Vondra and Johanna Svenson Croll

Liaisons Present: Fritz Gohl and Sgt. Kann

Liaisons Absent: Bob Kosin and Anna Paul

Presentation by Susan Lenz:

Neil introduced Susan Lenz, Director of Community Engagement, with the Barrington Area Conservation Trust (“BACT”). Susan discussed an initiative BACT is promoting to help the Monarch butterfly, which is considered endangered. BACT is looking for nonprofit organizations, such as churches, schools and park districts to participate in creating and maintaining butterfly way station gardens. BACT will provide a kit, which will include 50 plants, compost, mulch and an interpretive sign, free of charge. The committee would be responsible for planting, watering and maintenance. The garden requires an area of 100 square feet with at least 6 hours of sunlight. Ten local organizations have volunteered to participate so far. After a discussion by the committee members, which included numerous questions of Susan about the program, Neil called for a vote. The committee voted unanimously to participate in the Monarch butterfly way station garden program.

Request for Public Comments:

There were no public comments made.

Approval of Minutes:

Neil asked for approval of the minutes for the meetings of September 21, 2016, October 19, 2016 and November 16, 2016. Lorraine requested that the November 16th minutes be revised to replace the word “repurpose” with “relocate” regarding the wall of presidents. After discussion, the all the minutes were unanimously approved by the committee members.

Scavenger Lid Ordinance Update:

The committee discussed the letter to the Village Trustees drafted by Neil regarding the proposed lid ordinance. Lorraine recommended a number of grammatical revisions, but the committee as a whole complemented Neil on the tone and content of his letter. Neil asked Fritz Gohl what concerns the Trustees raised regarding the proposed ordinance. Fritz listed a number of issues that the Trustees discussed, including:

- Roll-off containers do not have covers,
- Recycle containers do not always have lids
- Garbage trucks not compacting after each pick-up

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- Empty boxes that are not placed in containers
- Who would be responsible for enforcement

The committee discussed the Trustee’s concerns and agreed that there remain certain details that have to be worked out. The committee requested that Fritz ask the Trustees to confirm the overall concept. Then the committee would work on the details.

Deck the Walls:

One room in the Village Hall has now been painted and the committee members visited that room. The committee discussed the progress of the painting project. The committee deferred a discussion of the art for the Village Hall until both Anna Paul and Bob Kosin are in attendance and the interior painting is completed.

Roadside Clean Up:

The next roadside clean-up is scheduled for April 22nd. The committee discussed ways to promote the event. Neil volunteered to write a piece for Barrington Hills Life magazine. It will also be included the Village newsletter that is scheduled to be published in February. Robin will contact Stephanie Cecola, who coordinates the Riding Club’s clean-up of Algonquin Road about the date.

VBH Promotion:

The members discussed the article in Quintessential Barrington magazine about the history of the Riding Club. Committee members that has read the article felt it reflected well on the Barrington Hills community. Robin mentioned that the Riding Club had published a film a number of years ago to promote the Village. Robin will bring the DVD to the next meeting for the committee to view.

HEC Organization:

The committee discussed the benefits of increasing the number of members on HEC. A target number of 12 members was suggested. Neil asked the members to make recommendations for potential new members.

Arbor Day:

The committee discussed promoting tree planting for Arbor Day, which is April 28th. The committee recommended that a piece be put in the Village newsletter about the loss of Ash trees in the village and the importance of replacing them with new trees.

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New Project Suggestions:

The committee discussed the benefits of adopting a mission statement for HEC. Robin volunteered to draft a mission statement for discussion at the next meeting.

Next Committee Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 3:00PM.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM after a motion by Suzy Mogler, seconded by Liz Olsen and a unanimous vote by the members.

Respectfully submitted, Robin VanCastle