

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SPRA
HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2012 @ 10:00 A.M. RAMPARTS PARKING LOT**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. All board members were present. It was determined that a quorum was met with 25 votes present. See attached list. Coffee and donuts are provided by Richard Bolduc.

- The first order of business was a review of the minutes of the annual meeting held in 2011. A motion was made by Jay Cross and seconded by Jody Hill to waive an open reading and accept the minutes as written. No discussion was warranted and the motion passed unanimously.
- Second was the presentation of Financials by Jim Mycock, Treasurer. Jim advises that we have \$17,207.95 in the savings account and another \$18,407.73 in the CD for a total value of \$35,615.68. Expenditures for 8/19/2011 to 8/26/12 were \$16,757.53, The breakdown is Paving @ 79.9%, Repair cracks in the road with filler @ 9.85%, Insurance D&O for board members @ 4.77%, Street sweeping @ 4.18%, Spring mailing @ .6%, Web site work @ .25%, State non-profit filing @ .21%, Legal fees @ .1% and postage and delivery @ .05%.
- There are currently 9 unpaid assessments totaling \$2,819.25. Jody Hill asks if we have been following up with the unpaid assessments. Jim advises we have. Jeff adds that we have one property currently in a 'lien status' and we have to follow up each year. He suggests that members communicate with the Board and make some agreement even if only \$5 per month. Jim advises that the liens have to be updated each year and the costs can snowball real quickly. The Board really wants to work with resident to get assessments paid.
- The next item of business is the assessment for the 2012/13 period. The board suggests that this year we maintain the current rate, (\$250) but that perhaps next year we might want to increase the fee. It is suggested we should advise everyone of a dues increase to get them to the meeting. Again only 30% of the owners participate. Several suggestions were thrown out including a rebate for attending the meetings, but Jim said it would be a bookkeeping nightmare to control this.
- Jean Atherton asks if we could send agendas out prior to the meeting, it is agreed, we will send them out next year. We do not believe sending the agenda will bring more people out however. Some suggest that Church might be the reason people do not attend. This is considered, but frankly no matter when the meeting is scheduled some won't come. Jean and Jody volunteer to bring agendas around to mailboxes, but they are reminded that we cannot legally put 'stuff' in the mailboxes. It is against federal law!
- The discussion turns to the planned maintenance issues including the water run-off at several points on the road. Jody Hill asks what the plan for erosion is. Steve Walker has met with a couple of different contractors seeking ideas and subsequent quotes. He anticipates getting a few different ideas and also different quotes to for the board to review. Realistically he does not see anything actually happening until the spring of 2013, it will take time to get the quotes, review the material and determine a course of action.

A repair will be made at the end of the Wilkes driveway where the garbage truck backs off the paved road in front of the Gannon property and turns. It has made a very large hole and this will be repaired with ground pavement, gravel, compacting etc.

There is lots of run-off and some of the suggested repairs could be ditching the edges of the road, cutting swales and keeping the water ditches in a few areas more clean, cutting back brush, culverts etc. It is commented that in a couple of areas water is eroding and going under the edge of the road. Jeff talked about the walk-around meeting the Board had and the problem areas identified and suggested solutions mentioned above. There is a continued effort to try and resolve the major problem areas.

- Jean Atherton mentions that water from the area around Merchants seems to drain back to about her driveway. Jean thinks it might need burms etc. to control the water. Burms are not always a good idea, the crushed stone put down may help but other ideas can be reviewed. She also asks if the plow uses salt in the winter. Steve replies that he thinks it is a calcium product.

Linda inquires if something has changed which may have made the water run-off near the Hills worse since it seems to be more of an issue now than before. Jody advises that John and Jean Hill have built-up their property line a bit and have placed an obstruction in the path of the water which makes it move onto her land and run very fast and very hard down her driveway. Water runs down the hill and picks up sand at the bottom of the Loveitt driveway and washes across the road. She advises that much of the area below her driveway has washed into the lake and has made a mess. Other areas such as the Flingers, water also can get to the lake whereas most of the other water problems we experience on the road drains to the inside, thereby avoiding the lake. On Outlet Cove, Ned and Michelle Johnson have allowed two water pits to be created, but that we need to clean them more often. Jody advises that she has gone up there and raked them out to try and keep them open. Steven says they need to be deeper in order to slow down the water that comes from the hill during heavy rains. He is looking at flows from the Loveitt down to the Niboli property. Jody suggests the DEP might have some suggestions.

Mrs. Fillinger advises that she also fights water problems all the time and tries to keep it clean. She indicates that she has a neighbor with a CMP right of way and they don't want people on the land. David advises that when we get 3.5 inches of water in a short amount of time it creates weaknesses along the edges of the road which we will end up dealing with later. Janelle agrees and comments that we (the board) are well aware of situation created by the terrible weather and will work on it.

Jody suggests that people should take more responsibility in and around their property with sweeping, cutting brush and generally cleaning up as everyone use to do in the day! This idea is reinforced by several other residents who agree that people need to be more responsible. Carl says that he really did appreciate the board walking the road to review the issues. He advises the residents that there was serious, productive discussion .

- Paving was discussed for the upcoming fall. It has been determined that there are two areas that will be paved, starting at Merchants the Outlet Cove Rd turn off down to the Loveitt property and just past his driveway near mailbox #7. The is also near the Busque property. This is the area that has a significant amount of damage. The second area is also beginning at the Merchant property (where the last paving stopped) and right on up to the intersection of Passby Point Rd. That area is also in very bad condition and in need of repaving. This work will be done in the fall when Ramparts can

get it into the schedule. The cost for this work is about 17.51 per lineal foot for an approximate total of \$15,500.

- Rights of Way are discussed. Jeff mentions that there is a 30 ft. right of way in most places and that we may need to be doing some trenching or culvert etc. to try and resolve some of the water issues and need to work in and around peoples property. Cheryl reads the language in the ROW deed which indicates that we are allowed to maintain the ROW as necessary to keep it passable. She indicates that at the end of the road the ROW may actually be 32 feet as there is reference in the deed to 25' and 7' respectively.
- Board member nominations are discussed. It is determined that this year we already have 8 board members. The By-Laws call for 7, but we do not want to discourage participation with road duties. It is also suggested that everyone cannot always make all the meetings and the extra member works out fine. This year Steve Walker's position is up. He is renominated by the board and accepts the board, advising that he will be spending time up north and will do what he can. No one from the audience volunteers and Jeff makes the motion to approve the renomination of Steve Walker, Cheryl seconds it and the vote is unanimous to have Steve continue. He does a lot of the road work and is a valued member of the board.

Mrs. Vance reminds everyone that she had been on 'our' side of the table for years and is aware of the issues. She inquires if we have considered term limits. She is reminded that most of the time we have a hard time keeping the board full and that term limits were never an issue. This is something that can be kept in mind for the future should there be a glut of applicants ready, willing and able to perform the work of the board members. Dick Bolduc mentions that there is a lot of work that goes into board matters from our Board.

- Speed on the road is discussed and it is requested that everyone try and slow down, it is hard to watch for the children with all the trees etc. you can come upon them quickly. Linda mentions she likes the cones at the DeSalle property which reminds her to slow down. We need to tell all the young drivers also to be very careful coming around curves, there were a couple of close calls and everyone has to watch out for this especially with so many children on the road. Caution your guests and all drivers in your household to drive slow.
- Jay Cross wants to discuss the issues of the culvert on Pride Lane. He and Bev indicate that there is continued flooding in the cellars and garages and across the roadway. Bev Keniston indicates that the road is flooded about 75% of the time. They have not been successful in developing any kind of plan for the repair of this situation. The subcommittee had only one meeting which did not end with any real resolution. It is indicated that the DEP was talked to with no suggestions or recommendations made. However an engineering firm contacted and came out wanted about 9K just to develop a work plan and then the representative didn't think the plan would work?? This was determined to be out of the question.

Suggestions are made about cleaning out the culvert, but this has been done and needs to continue to be done on a regular basis. It is suggested that another culvert be put in, perhaps higher, but it is indicated that this will not resolve the problem. Perhaps two culverts side by side would do it allowing more water to flow quicker before the pond gets high enough to flood the road. It is said that the current culvert is crushed and damaged. David Bracket suggests that we simply take the old one out and redo it since people are saying that the existing one is damaged and crushed down.

Apparently there use to be another water flow area from the pond to the lake over by Nedwienski's property and he originally agreed that it could be opened. It is felt now that he has changed his mind, this will need to be followed up. This goes along with another issue ... Jay Cross wonders if anyone has talked to the town. Apparently there is a bit of a dispute over the fact that when the Nedwienski house was built it was constructed over the original right of way. People are now not allowed to cross over where they always could.

Duffy Fillinger who owns the property that gives the right of way to Pride Lane people has in the past not been inclined to allow any repairs because the last house actually should be accessing their property from Sandbar road. This is an old issue and all of Pride Lane has been using Sabbady Pt. now for many years and road dues are being collected to use Sabbady Point – something has to be done to correct this issue.

It is determined that Jay Cross and Bev Keniston will once again approach Duffy Fillinger to get approval to repair the culvert. It is discussed that legally no property can be landlocked and since there is some type of right of way there the association may have the right to do the work anyway. Naturally everyone wants this to be a friendly and peaceful solution so everyone is in hopes that Duffy will not try to prevent the necessary work from being done. Bev will report back to the board after the meeting.

Jody suggests and It is determined that we will get an estimate for repairing/replacing the culvert. It is also discussed that since we all believe the building permits for the Nedwinski house might have been given erroneously perhaps the town should bear some responsibility to correct the problems. Jenessa remarks that there are new people in those jobs now who may be more amenable to listening to our problems. If we need to refer to ROW and property lines, David reminds us that Survey Inc. has done a lot of work down here.

- Discussion about the school bus and mothers parking at the end of the road. Cheryl advises that the board has investigated the parking issue, speaking with the police and public works. There were several dangerous situations last year and the road has serious liability issues if anyone should get hurt. The Board had decided to paint “no parking” on the ground and have put up no parking signs. It is requested that the mothers try to cooperate in an effort to reduce any liability issues that may arise and to allow people trying to leave the road or enter the road during the ‘school bus time’ be allowed to do so without fear of an accident. Cheryl explains that the board is very sad to realize that on Friday night, the second day the sign was in someone stopped over the yellow painted sign and spun their wheels thus peeling off some of the paint. It is pointed out that this is childish and totally uncalled for as is the reports of mothers actually fist fighting at the end of the road.

Mothers at the meeting are requested to talk with the other mothers who are not at the meeting and tell them about the parking situation and encourage them to cooperate. This is for the good of all the residents. It is also pointed out that it is against State law to park in an area marked with yellow hatch marks. We recognize the need to have children off to school safely, but certain rules need to apply to keep everyone safe. There is a consensus that the mothers present will work on this.

- The meeting is adjourned at 11:40 a.m.