

Minutes: Mountain Laurel Estates Homeowner Association General Meeting

The meeting was called to order on June 4, 2014 at 7:00 PM by President Duffy. Invitations to the meeting had been sent by US Mail, Email, and a posting on the MLEHA website. When called to order, 9 homeowners were present, and 38 homeowners were represented by proxy. Four officers from 2013 were present.

Old Business:

- The minutes from the 2013 Annual Meeting were read aloud (and had been published on the website since last year). The minutes were unanimously approved by the membership.
- The financial report was given for the 2013-2014 year along with the proposed budget. It was noted that the amount listed per year for the street light rental was incorrect – the correct amount was \$900 per year. This resulted in a \$5400 reduction in expenses. Half was added to the General Improvement category and the other half was set aside as a carry over for the next year. In addition, a \$75 per year expense was added to the Administrative category to cover the contribution for use of the Masonic Lodge for the annual meeting (their usual rental fee is \$225 per meeting). The revised budget was unanimously approved by the membership.
- The following list of officers was presented for the 2014-2015 session. No additional volunteers were added, and the list was unanimously approved by the membership.
 - President – Bob Beatty
 - Vice President – Steve Lukowicz
 - Secretary – Mike Rosendale
 - Treasurer – Lynn Beatty
 - Member at Large – Peter Trask
 - Member at Large – Betsy Alexander

New Business:

- Since there is ongoing concern over people dumping their yard debris onto common lands, which is both unsightly and sometimes is causing drainage issues, it was suggested that the board should endeavor to investigate a leaf pickup program in the fall. Since many homeowners are already paying for yard maintenance that includes leaf removal, it was felt that it would not be possible to provide this as part of the homeowner fee. Rather the board would try to negotiate a group fee and make arrangement to either collect the fee or have the homeowners forward payment for the service. Information will be forthcoming on the website and email.
- MLEHA was given notice by the town concerning the 2014 Sewer Project to connect the remainder of Post Road and Wickford to the sewer. Residents are reminded that a special election is being held to authorize this on June 17.

Details have already been emailed to owners and will be posted on the website.

- It was observed by several members that flooding from the southern catch-basin on the intersection of Route 102 and Autumn appears to be much worse this spring than in past years (following the most recent improvements to the intersection). The board was asked to contact the state concerning this, and photographs and video were taken over the spring to back up the claims.
- Rolling Green Development was discussed briefly, but the matter is still under litigation and that process is likely to stretch out. If eventually approved it would probably be several years before any project begins. In addition, this appears to have delayed development of the 102/2 rotary.
- Several homeowners have asked the board to facilitate a voluntary group cleanup effort in the fall, directed at improving the looks of the common area. The landscaper does have both a Spring and Fall cleanup per contract, but some additional cleanup might be beneficial. Announcements will be sent via email and the website.
- Members have suggested that a Facebook page be built for the association and the existing website integrated with that. The board will endeavor to do that. Several new posts have been added to the website already, and a contact information page has been added.

The meeting was closed at 8:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Robert M Beatty
Secretary - MLEHA