

FOXWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES

October 8, 2013

The meeting of the FHA started at 8:00 P.M.

ATTENDEES:

Virginia Sanfratello
Marty DeGrazia
Joe Macchio
Al Owens
Matt Krouse
John Van Raalte
Louise Guidice
Barbara McGinty

ABSENT:

Bridget Delgado

A = OLD BUSINESS

Waived reading of the prior minutes.

B = NEW & ONGOING BUSINESS

- 1) There were prior **forums** regarding a smoker situation, lighting & garden beds; all in Fox 2.
- 2) Discussions continue with Valley **Oil**. We will shortly be hiring a heating specialist (Carey & Walsh) to evaluate our equipment, especially in terms of efficiency.
- 3) The **new street signs** are in and fully installed. The **parking signs** are being installed now
- 4) Al Owens is about 98% complete photographing **maps, blueprints, & plans** for digital back-up.
- 5) The replacement of the **basement doors and windows** will continue as the buildings get **painted**, with about 11 buildings painted, and the 12th to start shortly.

6) There will be meetings on Mondays, at Pleasantville Village Hall on Wheeler Avenue at 8:00 PM that we urge all please attend regarding Toll Brothers on 10/14, and Benchmark Senior Living on 10/28. Both are proposed developments in our immediate neighborhood.

- 7) Probably early next year, we will repair or replace missing screens to the air conditioner covers. We will review our **wish list for next year** at the annual FHA meeting.
- 8) Research continues to convert to all **LED lighting** on the buildings with the prospect of getting much of the cost covered from NY State.
- 9) **Election materials** were vetted and approved by the Board with an 8 to 1 vote.

C = THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:30 PM.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 12th at 8:00 PM.

SUPPLEMENT

IMPORTANT - The **dates for the annual meetings** will be Monday November 4th for the FHA, Thursday November 14th for Fox 1, Monday November 18th for Fox 2, and Tuesday November 19th for Fox 3. The meetings will be in the lower level of the **Pleasantville Public Library** where parking is ample, well lit, and the parking lot is level. The meetings will start promptly at 7:00 and must end by 8:45.

If you have a **fireplace** please remember to get your inspection or cleaning certificate into the office. A reminder letter is on its way out now for those who have not complied. There is a deadline of 11/1/13 before a fine of \$25.00 is imposed. This is for your safety and the safety of all of your neighbors. Even if you don't use your fireplace, it needs to be inspected for bird or animal nest, leaves, debris, ect.

Now is a good time to check the **batteries in your smoke detectors**.

Please remember to pick up your **chairs from the pool**.

IMPORTANT – NY State is requiring all residents to re-register for the **STAR Tax Reduction** program before 12/31/13. A notice will be mailed to you from NY State with your STAR code shortly if not already.

DID YOU KNOW: That **Pleasantville** is 1.8 square miles with about 7200 residents? It was originally inhabited by the Iroquois tribe who grew corn before the arrival of the French Huguenot Isaac See in 1695 who was an agent for Dutch landowner Frederick Philipse. By the time of the American Revolution in 1776, Pleasantville was mostly English, Dutch & Quaker; most of whom were tenant farmers. Pleasantville was part of the Neutral Ground where there were conflicting loyalties among settlers, Benedict Arnold's British spy, John Andre, passed through here on a mission to carry information from West Point to the British in NY City. He lost his bearings on what is now Bedford Rd. & Choate Ln. and fell into the hands of the revolutionaries. This was a turning point in the war.

In the early 1800's, Pleasantville was known as Clark's Corners, referring to the property owned by Henry Clark, which is now the Old Village. In the 1820's, Postmaster Henry Romer was asked to name the new Post Office. Clarksville was rejected as one town by that name already existed, and Pleasantville was chosen. The Post Office opened on February 29, 1828, a leap-year. The railroad arrived in 1846, and the tracks were lowered in the mid 1950's.

During the Civil War, Pleasantville was a stop on the Underground Railroad offering safe houses for escaped slaves moving north.

The Readers Digest was started here in 1922 on Eastview Ave in a garage, until it moved to Chappaqua in 1939, but keeps Pleasantville as its official address.

The authors of "The Little Foxes" and "The Maltese Falcon" lived here in the 1940's & 50's. Also Joseph Wallace, the author of "Diamond Ruby".

The Burn Theater, originally the Rome Theater, was one of the first theaters in Westchester County.

Frank Lloyd Wright designed 2 of the 50 modern, open style, environmentally friendly homes in Usonia, off Bear Ridge.

GQ Magazine named Pleasantville as one of the top "10 Best Smelling Cities in the World".

Foxwood's original Manville estate is the only place in the USA to hold a royal wedding between Estel Manville and the Duke of Sweden, hosting dignitaries from all over the world. The Duke later rejected his claim to the crown. Estel, Countess of Wisborg, died in 1984.

The Marmaduke Forster House at 415 Bedford Rd. was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2011. It was built in 1786 on 220 acres of farmland. The land was bought from The Commissioners of Forfeiture after the Revolutionary War.