

## Environmental Committee Meeting

Monday, August 15, 2011

Our meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present were Mary Murphy, Dave Allen, Don Titus and Melanie Eisenberg with Dick Scott "attending" via telephone. Guest included Kristie Braun.

The minutes for the July meeting were approved by motion of Don Titus, seconded by Dave Allen.

First order of business, since Kristie Braun personally attended, was the issue of tree-trimming on Harbour Lane. The entire community contributes to the cost of tree-trimming on a regular basis. The concern, raised by Mary Murphy, was that the trimming included trees that were on property owned by Bristol Harbour as "forever wild" - not Harbour Lane property. There was a discussion regarding whether or not this practice was one that could set a dangerous precedent. The board was divided on whether or not any type of project should be conducted on property not owned by the people doing the work. Since it is not in the budget of BHVA to afford any more tree work this year, the board decided that it could approve Harbour Lane residents contracting and paying for work to be done on trees, some of which were not located on their properties. This decision was arrived at by considering that this has been an on-going project for the past 15 years. Trees are not being cut down, simply trimmed. And the trimming has to be done in a manner approved by the board - not simply flat-topping the trees, but more in the way of a gentle shaping of the trees involved. But, each time an application of this nature is submitted, it will have to be "visited" carefully by the EC Board.

There was a discussion regarding the application submitted by Andrews HOA and approved by the EC Board regarding the cutting down of a number of trees - all reported to be dead. One resident of Andrews Way is not in favor of the project. We have visited the property and viewed some of the trees that were marked for removal. They all appear to be dead. However, a list of the proposed trees to be removed was given to the homeowner so that she could view them also. We will refer her back to the HOA president if there are further questions regarding this issue. But, we will be sure that the HOA knows it is their responsibility - after the cutting - to thoroughly clean up the area, remove all stumps and wood chips and debris remaining after the cutting is complete.

There was discussion regarding the guidelines for streamlining applications for EC approval that were worked up for consideration by Don Titus. Dick Scott thought they could be incorporated into the existing guidelines. But, Don had worked them up with the thought that it could be attached to the guidelines as a "cover sheet" and we could also include a few samples of the correct way to submit an application in order to insure swift consideration and approval. A final decision will be made at next month's meeting.

The following applications were considered, as follows:

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| 11-42 | Yasso Window replacement, Harbour Lane   | Approved    |
| 11-43 | Harbour Lane tree trimming project   | Approved    |
| 11-44 | Braun Restaining town home, carport, etc.  | Approved ** |
|       | **pending proof of adequate contractor insurance   |             |
| 11-45 | Chrysler Vents installation - more information needed - drawing to illustrate vents, photo showing installation site; pending proof of adequate contractor insurance |             |
| 11-46 | Charlton Tree removal (Jim Berger has insurance)   | Approved    |
| 11-47 | Noffsinger Storm door installation   | Pending **  |
|       | Mary Murphy will call to request further information on proposed door, contractor, etc.  |             |
| 11-48 | Pierce Tree removal, replacement w/ Blue Spruce  | Approved ** |
|       | pending proof of adequate contractor insurance   |             |
| 11-32 | Rose Prior project for new construction on Lakewood Trail:   |             |
|       | Approved by EC, Lakewood Trail HOA pending notification of contractor, adequate insurance proof  |             |

Motion was made by Don Titus to adjourn the meeting at 8:14, seconded by Dave Allen.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Thelma Eschberg*