

BHVA Environmental Committee Meeting
Monday, July 18, 2011

Members in Attendance: Melanie Eisenberg, Tim Harrington, Don Titus, Dave Allen, Mary Murphy, Dick Scott (via phone)

Absent: Rob Silva, Barb Hunt

Guests in Attendance: Muriel Coleman, Kathy and Jeff Benson, Jason Rose

Meeting was called to order by Melanie at 7:05. Muriel Coleman was given the opportunity to address the committee since she had wanted to attend the June EC meeting that we ended up cancelling. She was there to represent the Browns who submitted an application for a patio redo. The patio is identical to what he has now. Louis Tilton is the contractor. The foot print will be the same. Both neighbors approve. Muriel will speak with Kathy (the other neighbor) to get written approval so they can get started. Melanie was going to send Michelle an email stating this so that the Brown's can begin their project.

The May/June minutes were approved, with a motion from Don and a second from Tim.

Jason Rose then addressed the group with the plans for his spec house at 5550 Lakewood Trail (Lot 33). It will be identical to his house at 5546 and use the same materials. The main difference will be a large window on the second floor master which will allow the lake to be viewed. He wants to see Lakewood finished. The side line and set backs will be staked out to see where the best place for the lake view from this window. He sees it being a bit off center towards his house. He wants to bring character to what already exists on the street and sees it being completed within the 13 month timeframe. He is working on bids now and as soon as he has the contractor lined up with proper insurance, etc. he will let us know. He will leave a copy of the plans at the community center for others to view and Kathy Benson recommended that they be available for Lakewood Trail annual meeting in August so other neighbors can see them as well.

Guests were excused.

Old Business: Don passed out a sample of what he and Tim have been working on regarding suggestions to help residents fill out EC applications. It will be sent out in an email to let us look over to make any changes. This document will help residents customize their app to fit the project. Sometimes the current app doesn't apply.

Correspondence: A letter to be sent to Association presidents to get together to figure out what course to take regarding EC applications. This might be a challenge in order to get everyone to comply. This was put on hold for another time.

New Business: Emerald Ash Borer... Andrews Way had a botanist come. He said every tree should be cut down because the sprays don't work. Bristol Harbour has quite a few

ash trees!! Chris Luley recommended to cut down the effected trees as the symptoms occur so that it doesn't spread. Dave had spoken with a friend about a product called Treeage. It is applied every 2-3 years. He said to inventory the ash that are here, where they are, take out "lower value" trees and keep the "more valuable" ones...could be a 10 year cycle. Dick suggested we publish this information to the sub-associations. Dave noted that his friend is willing to come down to discuss this issue. Dick thinks it should be presented to see who wants to rescue their trees. BHVA can be first then let the committee know the outcome. Don feels the South Bristol Resorts needs to get involved too. We decided to investigate a possible speaker at the annual meeting to discuss options for the community. This will be brought up at the BHVA board meeting by Melanie at the request of Dick Scott. The board would need to support this in order to fund for BHVA ash trees, then other sub-associations can decide how to deal with it. Dick suggested this as a community service with Melanie stating that by working together money could be saved and Dick agreed that this would enable us to provide sound advice so that residents don't spend money unnecessarily. Melanie and Tim also addressed the fact that the ash isn't the only problem. Vines are strangling the trees too.

Discussion and Vote on the following applications:

11-20 Brown's patio approved

11-31 Hagan Trail patio, approved

11-32 Lakewood Trail new construction, approved contingent on Contractor and neighbor approval

11-35 6 Spyglass Hill, approved

11-36, stop sign, approved

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tim seconded.

Meeting ended at 8:15.

Next meeting date August 15, 2011, 7:00 pm

Thanks to Mary Murphy for preparing the minutes.