

**Oronoque Village Condominium Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 7:00p.m.
600 North Trail, Stratford, Connecticut**

The meeting of the Oronoque Village Condominium Association (OVCA) was called to order by President Bob Grosso at 7:00p.m.

Open Forum: Herman Solomon (96A Seminole Lane) asked about the educational background of the new Executive Director; **Susan Pfannkuch (497B Iroquois Lane)** spoke about the need for a robo call when the gas leak occurred on North Trail; **Ken Block (303A Piute Lane)** stated the sprinklers should be shut off given the drought conditions and the cool temperatures and he also asked if a light could be installed at the intersection of North/South Trail and Oronoque Lane. John Staley said he will talk to the town about the light and that the sprinklers will be turned off in the near future.

The Secretary, Lee Shlafer, called the roll.

Present:

Officers:

President Bob Grosso

Vice President Cheryl Dwyer

Treasurer Bob Romatzick

Secretary Lee Shlafer

District Representatives:

District 1 Larry Hartley

District 2 Connie Shaw

District 3 Herb Galvez

District 4 Jackie Freeman

District 5 Dick Steinfeld

District 6 Jerry Brown

District 7 Joanne Sutphen

District 8 Judy Waldeyer

District 9 Dima Thompson

District 10 Dave Bingham

District 11 Barbara Minoff

Also present, Executive Director John Staley

President Bob Grosso introduced the three new Board members, Barbara Minoff (District 11), Dick Steinfeld (District 5) and Joanne Sutphen (District 7) as well as the new Secretary, Lee Shlafer.

The minutes of August 16, 2016 were approved as presented.

In the **President's Report**, Bob Grosso thanked the Executive Director

Search Committee for their diligent work and the OVCA Board which met on October 13, 2016 in a Special Meeting and Executive Session to consider the Search Committee's recommendation which was accepted. Mr. John Izzo, the new Executive Director, was introduced and spoke briefly expressing his appreciation and eagerness to begin his new position. Pres. Bob Grosso mentioned that a Meet and Greet has been arranged for Oct. 29th at which time all Village residents are welcome to introduce themselves to John Izzo and he also mentioned that a short bio of Mr. Izzo will be in the November 1st Villager. Appreciation was extended to John Staley for his years of dedicated service. A retirement party is being planned for January 8th, 2017 by SAC, Bob Grosso and others.

An update on the Solar Panel Project was given which is on schedule. It was also announced that Oronoque Village no longer has FHA Certification due to an issue with flood insurance. It is hoped that the work being done by Barry Hammond on flood zones will allow us to reapply successfully for FHA Certification. The Village will be informed as developments arise on this issue.

An update on Standing Committees included the following:

- 1) Racquet Ball Sports Facilities Committee- Bill Tanski (Chair), Tom Torpey, Nancy Blagys, Gery Cuccaro and Janet O'Leary
- 2) By-Laws Revision Committee- Judy Rabkin resumes position as Chair
- 3) Human Resources Committee- Bob Grosso, Cheryl Dwyer, Bruce Blanchard, Donna Simmons and Dick Steinfeld

An Ad Hoc Rules and Regulations Committee has been formed to review the rules and regulations to insure that they are complete, up to date and consistent with the newly revised By-Laws. Members of the committee are Lee Shlafer (chair), Marion Cardell, Tom Torpey, Larry Hartley, Dima Thompson, Gary Smith and Joanne Sutphen.

A note of appreciation was extended to John Staley, Steve Brieger and Jim Irwin for working out a plan with Burns Construction to pave all this year's budgeted roads this fall rather than splitting it between the spring and fall.

The **Treasurer's Report** for the period ending September 30, 2016 was read by Treasurer Bob Romatzick and was accepted. (See attached)

The Executive Director, John Staley, reported the following: 1) there has been a reorganization of the Maintenance Department. Mark Rhatigan is now Maintenance Operations Manager responsible for the overall Maintenance Department. Frank Forte is now Special Projects Coordinator whose work will be under the direction of the Executive Director; 2) with respect to the FHA issue, the FHA requirement is to obtain

insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program which costs in excess of \$200,000 every two years. The work being done by Barry Hammond may resolve this issue **as that expense is prohibitive.**

Standing Committees:

The Maintenance Committee report was given by David Schmitt who stated that the Leaf Removal Project is scheduled to start October 24th and the Program Maintenance Program has completed 38 of 92 units scheduled. Also handicap railings were installed at the South Pool. (See attached report)

House Committee. No report

The Architectural Committee report was given by Jim Manzolli for September and October. Fifteen applications were received and all but one were approved. The trash receptacle issue involving the Algonquin Lane area continues to be studied. No acceptable solution has yet been identified. (See attached report)

The Social Activities Committee report was given by Barbara Minoff who noted that the November meeting will establish the events to be held for the 2017 season. This will be reported on at the January OVCA meeting. The Welcome Packet for new residents has been very successful with 33 packets distributed since mid summer. On the schedule is the New Year's Eve party and retirement party for John Staley on January 8, 2016. (See attached report).

The Communications Committee report was given by Cheryl Dwyer who spoke about progress on the back end of the Oronoque website, plans to publish editorial guidelines for *The Villager*, the completion of the survey on the back of the Oct. 3rd *Villager* and the plans to have a new consulting editor for *The Villager*.

By-Laws Revision Committee. No report

Racquet Ball Sports Facilities Committee. The final report of the Racquet Ball Sports Facilities Ad Hoc Committee was given by Bob Macaluso. The work of the Ad Hoc Committee has been completed with rules published and procedures put in place. The Standing Committee will now assume responsibility for the Racquet Sports Facilities. (See attached report)

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Cheryl Dwyer explained that branding guidelines have

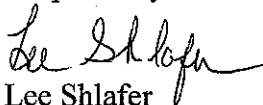
been established by the Communications Committee for the Oronoque logo. The purpose of these guidelines is to insure that all material which utilizes the logo has a consistent appearance and gives strength to the brand. She provided examples of the different fonts, colors, and shapes that are acceptable. She also explained that the approval of the Communications Committee is necessary if any Oronoque organization wants to use the logo. A motion was made by Barbara Minoff and seconded by Judy Waldeyer to accept the guidelines. The motion was unanimously approved.

Closing Forum:

Judy Rabkin (292A Agawam Lane) said any rules developed by the Ad Hoc Committee required Board approval, she also mentioned the upcoming Town of Stratford Zoning Meeting on 795 James Farm Rd. and asked for a clarification of the term "ligature" as it relates to the branding guidelines; Barbara Minoff (731A North Trail) spoke about supporting the Employee Holiday Giving Fund; Herb Galvez (99B Seminole Lane) asked if reflectors could be put up on the island at the intersection of Oronoque Lane and Rt.110; Dima Thompson (529A Narraganset Lane) said that while the roads in her district were paved, the driveways were not and it looks like "patchwork"; Jim Thompson (529A Narraganset Lane) asked if more microphones could be acquired; Emilio Ruiz (237B Box Elder Lane) asked if there was any "inhabitancy" requirement for being on the Board or a committee at Oronoque.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Schlafer
OVCA Secretary