

TIDEWATER FARM HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 - 6:30 PM - 75 CLEARWATER DRIVE, FALMOUTH, ME

Minutes from meeting

Call to order: September 27 @ 6:35 PM

Quorum established: 27 homeowners were counted either by proxy or in person.

Introduction/Opening Remarks: Clifford Gilpin, President, introduced the board members present - Betty Andrews, Dave Costello (treasurer), & Peggy Gilbert (secretary).

Treasurer's Report: Dave Costello reviewed the 2018-9 budget and answered questions from homeowners. The homeowner's monthly fee of \$230 will remain the same for the coming year.

Committee Reports:

Grounds Committee: Betty Andrews reported on 8 items and answered questions:

1. Winter damage to sidewalks has been repaired with a seal coating by LST.
2. Bulb Planting: Volunteers are needed to help plant 300 bulbs by Oct 15th. Contact Betty if you are interested.
3. 8 Trees removed due to black knot disease will be replaced with dogwoods.
4. Brown spots on lawns are caused by a combination of winter kill and poor soil. If one adds soil prior to re-seeding, new grass will grow.
5. Irrigation schedule will be changed next year (i.e. no watering on Wed & Thurs nights) so that lawns are dry when they are mowed, thus improving the end result.
6. Crab Grass: TruGreen used herbicides to kill the crab grass which left bare spots. Herbicides are bad for us so it may be time to consider an environmental approach. (A homeowner noted that on Saturday, Sept 29th there will be "environmental lawn" representatives at Bug Light in South Portland)
7. Fall shrub trimming will be done next week - give Betty immediate feedback if you are dissatisfied.
8. Bush-hogging will begin Oct 3rd and this will be done annually.

Social Committee: Peggy Gilbert announced that the Chili Fest will be on Wed, Dec 12th at Betty & Doug Andrews home.

Design Review Committee: Harvey Klugman reminded homeowners that any change to the exterior of one's home needs to be run by this committee.

Communications Committee: Bob Isler (board member) was away. Clifford reported that Bob has participated in a website training program and has continued to update the Tidewater Farm website.

2018-9 Budget Vote: Budget was adopted with 27 votes in favor and none opposed.

Board Member Elections: Dave Costello and Betty Andrews were re-elected and Debby Fogg and Gerry Nadeau were elected as new members of the board.

President's Report: President Clifford Gilpin reported

1. Given the fact that there have been some recent thefts, it makes sense to keep outside lights on all night. Sandy Fogg has offered to sell LED bulbs to community members at cost.
2. The Falmouth Land Trust will be taking over the stewardship of the conservation land in Tidewater. When this is finalized a meeting will be scheduled with the Land Trust and the Tidewater Community.
3. To discourage Air BnB's, the Board is hoping to add a provision to our by-laws stating that rentals must be 6 months or longer. The provision must be distributed to and approved by the community before it can be enacted.

Adjournment: 7:45 PM