MINUTES – 2017 ANNUAL MEETING for HSNA

June 27, 2017 @ City of Fitchburg Library

HSNA Board of Directors: Linda Brewer (Pres), Kim Lobdell (ACC), Thad Schumacher (Treasurer), Miguel Dominguez (Vice-pres), Inthava Hall (Secretary)

1. Financial Report – HSNA income (annual dues) & expenses – Thad

See ATTACHED.

1. HSNA Landscaping. This is a major use of Annual Dues. HSNA is responsible for lawn maintainence and garden beds that include the berm along McKee Rd, seven traffic circles, medians, and land immediately surrounding the two monument entrances on McKee.
	1. HSNA model of lawn care:

“We are a community who values responsible lawn care practices, and have preferences for use of hand-weeding, optimal plant/grass care and mowing/trimming as ways to avoid use of synthetic fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides. Where fertilizers or herbicides are required, minimum risk or organic products are preferred.”

* 1. HSNA Landscape Committee: (approved by Board 2017):

Ginny Janssen (chair), Tom Lindsay, Diane Streck, Mary Power.

This is a newly-formed committee of volunteers, who have walked the common areas of HSNA assessing plantings, trees, and lawn care. This will be an ongoing committee. Board Liaison: L. Brewer. Committee Chair: Ginny Janssen

* 1. Volunteers & contracted maintenance.

Greenscapes has been contracted 2017-2019for lawn care maintenance and mowing. This contract also includes mulching and pre and post seasonal cleaning for traffic circles and medians.

* 1. City of Fitchburg resources & practices. Endorses practices that are environmentally responsible. Working on access to free composite to residents for lawns and garden areas. Access to free mulch for residents.

Trees adjacent to the street are typically planted by the city. If you have a tree on the street edge of your property that has died or dying, contact the City’s arborist, Ann Healy, for a replacement. We are fortunate of have her as a resource. She will also provide consultation regarding homeowner trees & tree choices.

1. Architectural Control Committee (ACC) - Kim

See ATTACHMENT.

Need for one additional committee member. Contact Kim directly.

1. Mailbox maintenance.

Linda has a paint supply for tan mailbox post and for green lettering & stripe on post -- for homeowner use. -- Sherwin Williams has Highlands of Seminole paint codes on file at each of their stores.

Thad Schumacher has a supply of new mailboxes for homeowner purchase. Contact Thad directly.

1. Recently launched Highlands of Seminole Website - Miguel
	1. Resource: forms for ACC approval; HSNA Covenant (requirements for home owners); HSNA Bylaws…
	2. Communication: submit question or concern, e-mail

contacts for Board of Directors

Highlands of Seminole.org website was reviewed at Annual Meeting. Submit suggestions for additional information/format. Submit pictures!

Future plans include possible community Login.

Should EVENTS on website include only neighborhood activities or larger community of Fitchburg and/or Madison?

1. Neighborhood Events
	1. 2017 HSNA Garage Sale (May) . Liz Dominguez organized event, and plans to do so again next year. This is a collaborative event among bordering neighborhood associations. This year purchased new signs, flyers, newspaper ad.
	2. September Block Party, Sunday event . Liz Dominguez interested in organizing.

7. Input from homeowners attending meeting

* How do we collect unpaid dues?
* Initiate a welcome letter to new residents from HSNA Board.
* Can we send invoices by e-mail initially, minimizing need for USPS expense?
* Concern for increase in crime rate. Discussion of National Night Out- Tues, Aug 1st. Impact on property values. Crime prevention. Common sense regarding crime to property: lock your doors, keep garage doors closed. To date no one has volunteered to participate in HSNA committee for Neighborhood Watch (invitation to homeowners in earlier letter – 2017).
* Quality of home school- Leopold. Mixed opinion.
* Encouraged to join Friends of Library
* Advocacy from Board to City police patrols – Neighborhood Watch

ATTACHMENTS:

Financial Report (Thad)

ACC Report (Kim)