

Suffield Meadows CUOA
Community Dialog and Board of Directors Meeting
January 23, 2018

Board Members Present: President, John Dunkin; Vice-President, Dan Parker; Treasurer, Dave Pickersgill; Secretary, Vickie Hylton and Member at Large, Jim Phillips.

In Attendance: NRP, LLC Representative, Kristen Isaksen, and SM community residents.

Special Guests: Joe Rosetti, Senior Area Forester and Kyle Dingus, Area Forester, with the NOVA Department of Forestry.

John Dunkin opened the forum at 7:00 p.m. with a presentation from Forestry officers Joe Rosetti and Kyle Dingus explaining the proposed "Prescribed Burn".

A letter was sent to all residents within 1000 feet of the prescribed burn with an invitation to attend the presentation at 6:00 p.m. 3 residents of Snow Hill and a resident from Jamison Farms took advantage of the Q and A. The same presentation was given to all SM residents at 7pm.

- The Agency provides Fire Suppression, Forest Management and Private Forestry Management Assistance. No outside fires are permitted between February 15-April 30 before 4 p.m. They are also sworn law enforcement. Kyle explained he and Joe are Certified Prescribed Burn Specialists in the state of Virginia. They are presently working with 15 communities in 7 counties to prepare prescribed burns.
- Handouts were available showing the prescribed burn area. The area is in two sections: approximately 4.63 acres and 3.71 acres, in the conservation area. The burn would allow for native warm season grasses and wild flower seeds to germinate and grow. The burn would take care of many small saplings in the area. The fire would cause the sap to boil and eventually kill the tree. This is top kill.
- The prescribed burn will be in a designated area with fire breaks. The trails around the burn area have been mowed short for walking and the fire would not jump that area. There are 40-part time fire fighters available to assist/monitor the burn. Approximately 8-10 persons will be onsite to observe and contain.
- Small sections, at a time, would be set, so to monitor closely. Once the fire is set, it should take approximately 1-2 hours to completely be over. Once the fire is out, Kyle and Joe will be onsite to make sure no embers are live. The New Baltimore and/or Warrenton Fire Departments will be alerted and available to assist. The Forestry Service utilizes a Gator vehicle carrying water as a precaution.

- The weather will be monitored and may not be able to be scheduled too far in advance due to wind/weather conditions. A notice can only be sent out about 5 days in advance. Kyle and Joe are confident this prescribed burn can be done carefully and responsibly.
- Any questions/emails should be sent directly to Kristen Isaksen, NRPartners, LLC. The QandA would be compiled and sent to Kyle and Joe for response.

John opened the regular meeting with Thank You's and announcements.

Welcome to the new board members: Dave Pickersgill and Vickie Hylton! We have not met since the November election and here is your new Board!

THANK YOU...

- Joe Rosetti and Kyle Dingus for the presentation.
- Bev Batchellor for the fantastic job updating our community directory.
- Kathleen and Bob Lynch for the refurbish on the rocking chairs. We look forward to their use.
- Refresh Group for the updated clubhouse.
- Social Group for the Grand Re-Opening of the clubhouse.
- Social Group for the Holiday Christmas party, Ladies luncheon and Men's luncheon.
- Toys for Tots ~ Dan thanked the community for their generous donations. He also thanked Bob and Kathleen Lynch for their assistance in drop-offs during his and Joanna's absence. SM does an excellent job with donations to the program and it does not go unnoticed.
- Fauquier Food Bank ~ Sue Arnold remarked that SM donated \$1100 to the food bank along with several boxes of food. The Food Bank welcomes donations throughout the entire year.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR AWARD ~ Suffield Meadows is the proud recipient of the CAI Small Community of the Year Award. It was a lot of work to prepare and enter. We will receive the award in March at a ceremony in D.C. With the honor comes a banner to display in our community. Congratulations to all our residents who make this a great community to live in.

SUFFIELD CALENDAR ~ is now online: www.suffieldmeadows.org The calendar is updated regularly with SM events and rentals. A resident presented Dan with a calendar to place on the bulletin board inside the clubhouse (not all residents have email).

UPDATED RESERVE STUDY ~ Becht Engineering completed a walkthrough of the community December 7th and has completed the draft study. With recommendations, Becht will present the final study within a few weeks.

ARBORS' STAIRWELL CLEANING ~ Full Service completed cleaning all four stairwells at the Arbors'. This thorough cleaning included walls, lighting and mopping.

BOOKCASE BUILD ~ Ron Novak and Bill Reidy have accepted the proposal to build bookcases for the clubhouse. Ron and Bill are both enthusiastic fine furniture hobbyists. Ron will draw the design and present it before the actual build. We look forward to the finished product

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS ~ Now at the beginning of this new year, please dispose of the yard decorations for fall and Christmas.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS ~ In addition to the general board meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., except for February, July and December, the Board conducts a Work Session on the second Thursday of every month at 10 a.m., at the Clubhouse. The work sessions are business meetings where ideas are brought forward and discussed. Motions are made to approve/disapprove. Minutes of all meetings are posted on the SM Website. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend. There is always community dialog at the end of each meeting.

ARBORS' REPORT ~ Thankfully, Jim Phillips is on top of all Arbor's issues. There were 26 resolved items in 2017 with one carry over to 2018. Jim thanked our Community Manager, Kristen, for her assistance with repairs.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS ~ SAVE THE DATE

- Saturday, January 27th, 5 p.m., Wine and cheese night. Everyone to bring food to share and a baby picture of yourself.
- Sunday, February 4th, 6 p.m., Superbowl Party. A flyer will go out with the cost information.
- Saturday, February 17th, 10 a.m., until Noon, Valentine's Day Brunch. A flyer will go out with the cost information. Be sure to bring one of your wedding pictures.
- Saturday, March 17th, 7 p.m., St. Patrick's Day celebration. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.
- Saturday, May 5th, 6 p.m. Kentucky Derby Party. Remember your hat. A flyer will go out with the cost information.
- Monday, May 28th, 8 a.m., Flag raising ceremony at the club house. Coffee and donuts to follow also first day the pool will be open.
- Sunday, June 10th, 2-4 p.m., Annual Ice Cream Social. A flyer will go out with the cost information.

Mark your calendars. You don't want to miss out on any of the fun!

John invited all to join the Board at Work Sessions, second Thursday of each month.
The meeting concluded at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vickie Hylton, Secretary