

Southwinds Homeowners Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 213

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effort will be made to make the repairs with the least possible cost to the Association

- 4.2. After a motion was made, the members present voted unanimously to appropriate up to \$1484 to repair the fence.
- 5. Streetlight
 - 5.1. Steve LeClerc proposed circulating a petition, to be forwarded to the town, requesting that a streetlight be installed at the corner of Rt. 153 and South Winds Drive. Some discussion ensued. Jim DiLuca proposed investigating the feasibility of having reflectors installed on the guardrail. Others expressed concerns that the homeowners closest to the corner may be opposed.
 - 5.2. The petition was circulated and the BOD will follow up with the members closest to the corner and forward the petition to the Town of Essex along with a letter requesting installation of a streetlight at that location.
- 6. With no further business, a motion was made and seconded for adjournment, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Submitted,

Stuart Fisher Director



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Minutes of the Special Meeting
June 11, 2003

1. Attendance

- 1.1. The following members were in attendance; asterisk indicates Board member
 - 1.1.1. Fisher*; LeClerc*; Jendrucek; Paternostro; DiLuca; Ghilani; Kenney; Anderson; Decker; Quets; Flynn; Salbinski; Blackwell; Bonanno; Kearns; Levene; Farley; Himsel; Michel; Saitta; Monaco
- 1.2. The following members provided proxies:
 - 1.2.1. Brochu; Weatherby; MacMillian
- 2. Steve LeClerc (president) brought the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and provided an agenda which included three issues: treatment of the pond; fence repair; and a petition to install a streetlight at the corner of 153 and SW Drive. Judith Singer, from the EPA, who had been scheduled to attend was unable to do so due to illness.

Pond

- 3.1. Don Himsel explained that the residents of Tiffany Pond are not opposed at all to the Association's use of a herbicide in Birch Mill Pond since they have treated their pond for the past nine years with the same herbicide which is being proposed for use on Birch Mill Pond. In fact, they will be treating their pond again this year using the same company with which we have been in contact.
- 3.2. Don Himsel also explained that the Essex Inlands Wetlands Commission has been notified of our plan to use a herbicide and has signed off on it as part of the State DEP permitting process. The association has paid \$140 for this already.
- 3.3. Ed Marlowe, who heads up the Friends of Mill Pond, provided a detailed presentation on what has been done on their pond in terms of herbicidal treatment. This presentation included distributing before and after photos of the pond, explaining the uses of the herbicides that they have used, and an outline of the other options that were considered and rejected (dredging and herbivorous fish). He reported, in response to questions from the audience, that there have been no contaminated wells or reported physical ill effects from the use of herbicides.
- 3.4. A motion was made to vote to utilize the \$4,000 that was appropriated at the last Annual meeting to use herbicides on the pond.
 - 3.4.1. The motion was defeated by a vote of 14 to 11, including proxy votes.

4. Fence

4.1. The fence at the entrance to the community at the corner of Rt. 153 and South Winds Drive was struck by a vehicle on June 2. Stuart Fisher reported the incident to the Essex police, who are investigating. Stuart obtained a quote of \$1484 from Bombaci Fence to repair the fence and is obtaining an additional quote from Atlas Fence. Additionally, some additional costs will be associated with repairing the electrical equipment and lighting that was damaged. Every