



Landscaping Committee

Doverbrook Association

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2007

A meeting of the Board of Directors Landscaping Committee of The Doverbrook Association, was held on Thursday, November 1, 2007 at 6:00 PM at the Offices of Doverbrook.

Committee Members Present:

1. Ken White - Chairman
2. Jessie Reid
3. Paul Rodgers
4. Phil Ogiba
5. Douglas Lyman

Also Present Were:

None.

Call to Order:

Chairman Ken White called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM, and Douglas Lyman recorded the minutes. A quorum of members were present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Report

Ken White welcomed everyone to the meeting, and reviewed the agenda. Ken White discussed the current status of the Landscape Committee and its progress. A number of questions were asked and extensive discussion ensued.

Agenda 1:

Doverbrook Board of Trustees decision as regards the Landscaping Committee Report as relayed by Robert Clary via email dated October 31, 2007.

Discussion: Liming

Initial discussion centered on the decision of the Board of Trustees to "Proceed with the liming as scheduled and to hold off on the organic fertilization until Spring..."

After extensive discussion, the Landscaping Committee came to the conclusion that the decision of the Board of Directors to continue the liming this fall is unsubstantiated as the Landscaping Committee specifically recommended against liming due to the fact that there is not sufficient soil sampling to indicate what treatment should be made.

In addition, the liming will not significantly adjust the soil pH in the quantities being used. This is a total waste of money and resources as indicated in the Landscaping Committee Report as submitted to the Board of Directors.

Soil sampling dated October 5, 2006 by Wm. Sccareccia, LLC shows a report with a single sample for the 93 acres, and recommends 200 pounds per 1000 square feet (4 tons per acre, or **136** tons per the estimated 34 acres of lawn).

The Landscaping Committee has discounted this report as it is not possible that a single sample report for 94 acres could be accurate. Moreover, anyone reading this report would realize that spreading 200 pounds over an area the size of 32 feet by 32 feet (100 square feet) over 3 years is irrational.

The Board of Directors provided no rational thought to the Landscaping Committee as to why they decided to continue liming.

This is unacceptable at least and at best indicates a lack of fiduciary responsibility by squandering the monies and resources of the Doverbrook Unit Owners.

Discussion: Fertilization with Composting

It was noted the by the Landscaping Committee that the Board of Trustees decided to "...hold off on the organic fertilization until Spring..." (2008).

The Board of Directors indicated that "...--the main reason was that we (Board of Directors) were unsure what was going to happen to the rest of the property (which was not fertilized)".

After discussion the Landscaping Committee decided that the reasoning provided as to why the Board of Directors decided not to fertilize was ludicrous and did not warrant comment.

Discussion ensued as to why the Board of Directors would provide such an irrational objection to fertilizing in the fall, as suggested by the Landscaping Committee report, and then suggest fertilizing in the "Spring" (2008), when

the Landscaping Committee specifically recommended against fertilization in the spring.

In the absence of any ration thought process, it was suggested that the only explanation under these circumstances, was that the budgeted monies are not available.

The current Budget for Fertilization (which includes Liming) is \$35,000. To date this year (2007), no money has been spent on fertilization. To date this year (2007, \$6,000 has been spent in the spring of 2007 for liming.

As of this date, the budget should have on account is \$29,000.

It was decided that the Landscaping Committee make a formal request to the Board of Directors, a full accounting of the Fertilization Budget, an accounting of monies spend to date, and a full accounting of any and all monies that are not currently in the Fertilization Budget as appropriated in the Doverbrook Budget.

It is the intention of the Landscaping Committee to hold the Board of Directors directly responsible.

Discussion: Request for a More Detailed Plan

The Landscaping Committee noted that the Board of Directors "...would like a more detailed plan..."

The report of the Landscaping Committee is already over several hundred pages long, with appendices, mapping, and covering over twenty subcategories.

The Landscaping Committees analysis and recommendation is that we do not need more plans.

The Landscaping Committee is recommending that the Board of Directors considered the plan submitted.

Discussion: Payment of Trees New England for Tree Report

It was noted by the Landscaping Committee that Tree New England has still not been paid for the Tree Report, as commissioned by the Board of Directors. The Landscaping Committee has still not received the Tree Report as of this date.

The Board of Directors and the Doverbrook Property Manager has made multiple statement(s) that payment has been made, when in fact they have not.

This conduct is reprehensible and actionable. It denotes an attitude that is beneath the level of conduct required to serve on the Board of Directors, and represents the Doverbrook Unit Owners poorly in the community.

The Landscaping Committee requests that remuneration and restitution be made immediately without delay and without excuse.

Discussion: Utility Wires

The Landscaping Committee has made recommendation as regards contacting the utility company to resolve the dangling wires and iron pipes, cut wires, and guidelines that have accumulated on the Doverbrook grounds.

Because of the severity of the situation, the Landscaping Committee is looking to an immediate rectification of the problem. The Landscaping Committee would like to be appraised of the progress by the Property Manager.

Recommendation: Letter to the Board of Directors

After a lengthy discussion, the Landscaping Committee unanimously decided to write an open letter to the Board of Directors in response to the Board of Directors decisions with regards to the recommendations of the Landscaping Committee Report.

Specific items to be address are as listed above.

Approval of Minutes

N/A

Next Schedule Meeting:

To be scheduled.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ken White at 8:30 PM
Respectfully submitted,

Ken White, Chairman