



## West Norwalk Board of Directors Minutes

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June 2nd, 2003

President Peter O'Hara called the meeting of the West Norwalk Association to order at 7:38 pm

**Board Members:** Peter O'Hara, Sam Jones, Chris Bryan, Gigi Schmidt, Bob Wagman, Manuel Ilorca, Barbara Andrews, Bill Krummel, Alan Murnick, Tina Staples, Bill Wrenn

**Presenters:** Oak Hills Park Restaurant - Tom Aikenhead

**WNA Neighbors:** Regina Krummel, William Van Deventer, Tony Lagana, Harold F. Cobin (The Hour), Ross Sparagne, Valeria Martin, Marianne Worth, Carl Blair, Ed Cohen, Magann Wisth, Kaye Backer, Donna Saymon, Barbara Cafero, Harriet Abel, Ed Abel, Betsy McGowan, Renee' Terencio.

### **Regular Meeting**

**Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes of May 5th, 2003:** The minutes of May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003 were presented and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** David Frishkorn was unable to attend, but Peter O'Hara presented the months activities. \$150.00 was added in membership dues ending the month at \$4074.87 Gigi Schmidt made a motion to accept the financial report which was seconded by Barbara Andrews. The motion passed unanimously.

**Prudential:** A group of West Norwalk residents and a writer for The Hour attended the meeting to discuss the Prudential Issue. They were all thanked and welcomed by Peter O'Hara. Discussion began with the neighbors and the newly drafted WNA position. Barbara Cafero spoke on behalf of her husband Larry Cafero and fellow abutting neighbors to the WNA board. Her points were centered to three issues:

- 1) Requesting to keep the companies limited to 12 per week..
- 2) Making sure to limit the **type** of use.
- 3) Making sure that the easement included the regular marked boundary as well as the pond.

This was closely in line with the new proposed response drafted by the West Norwalk Association and conformed to a strong position in response to Prudential's application.

Bill Krummel put forth a **motion** to adopt the WNA newly drafted proposal which then opened discussion to the board. There seemed to be more of a consensus to the newly drafted WNA position, but there was some questioning of taking a final strong stance against Prudential.

A motion was made from Bill Wrenn to **amend** the response to have a stronger position and reverse the last two sentences. It passed with votes from Bill Wrenn, Bill Krummel, Chris Bryan, Tina Staples, Alan Murnick, Gigi Schmidt, Sam Jones. More discussion followed on the newly amended proposal. It was centered around the possibilities of different uses for the property whether it will be sold or not, and speculation of the other possibilities. It was made evident that there was no guarantees with any possible outcome, whether a sale or not would occur.

A motion was made by Manuel Llorca to **amend** the response to remove the third position and to change the usage, but was not accepted by Bill Krummel on his positioning. Peter O'Hara wished for the minutes to show that Manuel Llorca held a strong opposition to in making a change in the amendment and feeling that without out it Prudential would have no choice, but to sell the property to a developer. The discussion ended.

The question was called by Bob Wagman on Bill Krummel's amended motion which passed 7-2 with Bill Krummel, Bill Wrenn, Tina Staples, Chris Bryan, Barbara Andrews, Gigi Schmidt, and Peter O'Hara voting for, Sam Jones, and Manuel Llorca voting against and Bob Wagman abstaining.

### **Presentations:**

**Oak Hills Park Restaurant:** Tom Aikenhead gave a presentation and update on the construction of a restaurant at Oak Hills. He handed out a paper with a written update and status report. There was a concern about the self sufficiency of the restaurant and making sure that it could support itself without needing outside support with an understanding that it would. See his handout for details.

**Nominations:** Sam Jones announced that he would be leaving the WNA in July. A suggestion that people for re-election should be posted in the newsletter as well as solicitations for serving was suggested by Bill Krummel. Attendance of board members resurfaced as a concern.

**Roads and Public Works:** Alan Murnick updated the board on the three way stop sign that is being placed at the intersection of Fillow and Fox Run. There has been a hard time in trying to figure out where to put the stop sign, but should be resolved soon. A new stop sign was added at Weed and Old Rock as well as Fillow and Princess Pine. Alan Murnick was concerned about the left turn onto Richards from Connecticut Ave and requested that the timing of the light be changed.

**Publicity:** Peter O'Hara made an announcement about accepting ideas in an effort to bring the community together and to put together ideas for the WNA's future direction and focus and that board members should bring ideas to the next meeting.

### **Newsletter:**

Articles for the West Norwalk are requested by June 23<sup>th</sup>, 2003. The issue of ads that were not run in the last issue must be addressed.

A motion was made by Alan Murnick to request for the Norwalk Community College to host the annual WNA meeting. It was seconded by Tina.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Wren. It was seconded by Sam Jones. It was unanimously approve. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Bryan

### **Upcoming Calendar:**

***Subject to Change Without Notice***

***September 21, 2003 Annual West Norwalk Association Meeting***

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