

**Echo Hill North Association  
At 163 Heatherstone Road  
Interim meeting: July 23, 2014**

Attending: Paul, Steve B., Jim, Dick, Pippa, Elizabeth, Linda, Steve E.

Absent: Lisa, Trudy, Faythe

1. Minutes of June 24, 2014 meeting

Postponed approval of minutes to next regularly scheduled meeting.

2. Treasurer's report (Paul)

- Five additional dues payments since last meeting; 14 households currently have not paid dues yet; new association member-to-be paid dues.
- Deposits since last meeting \$14,000.
- Rebate for overpayment of property taxes for \$600 has not come yet. Town has billed the association \$110 for property taxes at corrected rate.
- Checking account balance is \$21,271.12.
- Have insurance for pond. Cancellation notice rescinded. Inspection done.

3. Pedestrian/cycle safety (Elizabeth)

The Board is informed that the Town will take no action on the traffic study in the EHN neighborhood until school resumes. Study and any additional action will be part of larger town plan with implementation of decisions requiring at least a year timeline.

The Board was informed by town authorities that residents may create interim solutions. The following interim solutions are within the law:

- Painting white lines on each side of Heatherstone Road, leaving 10-11 feet each way on Heatherstone. Steve E. has line painter and paint. A Board member recommended using paint that fades in six months, to keep application of solutions to experiment and not interfering with longer term solutions. Lines should be straight, about 3-4 inches wide, about 1½ feet from curb.
- Advisory signs that convey message of "slow down; drive with care." Can make signs that look like kids did them, "I play with my ball here." There was also a suggestion to draw a crosswalk with chalk and make sign "I cross to play with my friend here." Elizabeth said there are families ready to make signs right away. Paul has graphic design for professionally made signs. The Board discussed pros and cons of both types of signs and thought that both would be helpful.
- Placing traffic barrels, as were placed around potholes. The value of this placement is that the barrels would narrow the road to slow people down.

The sentiment of the Board was to start with the signs, which are easiest to do and least intrusive, then paint the lines, and lastly place traffic barrels, if needed. The Board agreed that the neighbors on Heatherstone should be informed of the plan with clarification that this is a pilot or interim solution until the Town takes action. Elizabeth will make notices to put in mailboxes and will talk to neighbors.

Motion: To address the traffic safety issue on Heatherstone with an experimental plan to make safety signs first, then paint white lines, and lastly place traffic barrels, if needed, per discussion bulleted above.

Second: Elizabeth

Vote: Approved unanimously

### 3. Raft

The Board reviewed the proposal and estimate from JETT Property Services to replace the raft in the pond.

- Measure of raft is 12 x 12.
- The current raft is cedar. The quote is for pressure treated. Dick recommends staying with the cedar; however, this will increase in price; the Association needs new quote. Also this quote is for using the old foam; construction may require new foam. Construction may be able to use frame and replace decking; however, the builder will not know until he takes it apart. Dick will take the next step and talk to JETT about options. A Board member suggested extra weights and shorter chain to reduce swinging. Dick noted that there will always be some swinging. For the same quote, JETT will fix the ladder to make it higher. The Board needs the revised quote as well as to know how long construction will take and where it will be done. The Board gave Dick authority to make the final approval decision.

Motion: To authorize Dick to negotiate and approve a final contract with JETT to build a dock for about \$3000+ or -.

Second: Steve B.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

### 4. Pond safety equipment: (Elizabeth & Pippa)

The Board recognized that pond safety has become a more visible issue due to the increase in the number of children and families using the pond. In past the Board was unsure about liability if took additional actions for safety, and usage was not great.

Motion: To authorize Elizabeth to purchase safety equipment of a life saver tube and send bill to Paul.

Second: Linda

Vote: Approved unanimously.

### 5. Email communication:

The Board reviewed and clarified the approved agreement of last meeting based on confusion that occurred in email communication since the last Board meeting.

### 6. New England Environmental report (Jim)

Jim will send the report out to all. He noted that phosphorus level appear to have doubled at surface, but they still are not a problem and are much lower than last year. The higher reading is

probably due to weeds coming up and releasing at surface of the pond. At the bottom, lower, plants take up phosphorus until they die. The higher reading is also expected with warmer weather.

Meeting adjourned 9: 40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Terry  
Co-Secretary