

Glenbrook Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Minutes, March 20, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:34 pm

Julia Brennan, Board Member, moved to approve the minutes of the January 16th meeting, as amended, changing 415 Glenbrook Road to 514 Glenbrook Road. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Anita Kozminsky, Membership Chair, announced that we currently have 148 residential members and 47 business members, including new member Nelly's Hair Salon, and renewing member, Tommy K's.

Anita maintains the GNA website, www.glenbrookassn.org, and will continue to update it with photos and information as needed.

Christie Fountain, President, gave a short history of the GNA, leading up to our involvement with Village Commercial District (VCD) zoning changes, and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD). She also mentioned city funding for Crescent Street improvements.

In the absence of **Dan Bivona**, Board Member, Christie announced that our Facebook profile continues to post items of local interest and currently has 117 "Likes".

Meryl McDaniel, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. At present we have \$7000 in the bank with no outstanding bills. Of that, \$6200 is from dues and contributions. Insurance costs us just under \$1000 per year. We are in a very good position to pay for upcoming projects.

Christie reported that most of the CVS shopping center tenants are in the process of relocating or have relocated. Enzo's Deli has not yet moved, but should have a location decided on soon.

City Representative **Jay Fountain**, of municipal district 7, discussed progress with Transit-Oriented Development. Proposals are currently being examined. He also mentioned that improvements for Crescent Street are in the city's capital budget for this year.

Mary Ammon, of "Friends of Barrett Park" announced that her group is looking for interested neighbors to get involved and share ideas about park improvements.

Julia will be attending the next "People Friendly Stamford" meeting on March 21st 2013.

Starting in June, five minutes will be given at each general meeting for GNA members to announce upcoming local events.

Christie presented the GNA's Tree Planting Initiative. Member homeowners and businesses can apply to have a tree planted for free, provided the applicant agrees to care for the tree for two years. Applications are available on our website and Facebook page.

The GNA will be working to eliminate graffiti from signal boxes and elsewhere in the neighborhood.

Christie reported on her discussion with **Phil Steinberg** regarding the potential for an organic farm stand in Glenbrook. There was demonstrated interest for a stand to be open on Saturdays from 10-2.

Jay reported on local concerns such as 55 Crescent Street's zoning violations, the state of street paving on Rock Spring Road and Hope Street, and the Courtland Avenue project.

The City of Stamford has a new website (www.stamfordct.gov). Residents can still report problems using the Citizen's Service Bureau online.

The GNA Spring Cleanup will take place on Saturday, May 18th.

It is hoped that Stamford's new police chief, Jon Fontneau, will be a guest speaker at our annual meeting set for Wednesday, June 19th, 2013.

Christie introduced guests including:

- **Jay Fountain**, City Representative from District 7
- **David Martin**, Board of Finance member
- **William Tong**, State Representative, District 147
- **Mark Bonasera**, Principal of Stark School

Polly Morrow, GNA member and Stark School parent, introduced representatives from the Greenwich Audubon Society who gave a presentation about their work creating wildlife-friendly habitats and nature education programs at Stark School.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 for refreshments and conversation.

The next general meeting will be held on June 19th, 2013 at the Glenbrook Community Center.

Submitted by,

Miriam Kliewe, acting Secretary, Glenbrook Neighborhood Association