

BSVA MINUTES 1-24-2017

ATTENDANCE: Josh Bedell, Page Brody, Jamie Callan & Beth Paulson (151 Riverside), Jeff Dawson, Cory Ellen Gatrall (119 Riverside), Alex Ghiselin, Gary Hartwell, Sue Norton, Norm Spencer, Diane Welter

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Northampton Neighbors, a new nonprofit whose goal is “empowering seniors to live independent engaged lives at home,” will have its 1st community meeting Thursday, Jan. 26, 7:30 PM, at the Northampton YMCA. The City Council will host a “Wayfinding Meeting,” Thurs., Feb. 2, 6:30 PM, in the Council chambers. They want neighborhood input on how to spend money on road signs advertising businesses. After tonight’s meeting, BSVA minutes will be posted on the website. BSVA Treasurer’s Report: Checking Account: \$685, CD’s: \$9000, Mutual Funds: \$9000.

NONOTUCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL – Page Brody, parent and board member, reported that last week the preschool became the winning bidder to buy the Feiker building from the city. The 40-year-old preschool has been renting Feiker for the last eleven years. They need \$60,000 for a down payment, and are organizing a capital campaign for the next few months. They are looking for people to assist networking, for alums who would hold house parties for other alumni families, and for groups willing to rent the community room (the one with the stage) for parties and gatherings. The group thought BSVA could contribute rent for our meetings here, that we could include a Nonotuck flyer in our upcoming newsletter as well as featuring them on the front page, and that we could invent a special raffle for the Bash this winter, and donate the profits. Diane suggested BSVA contribute a \$1000 gift to the school, but Norm felt that even tho the site is historic, the school is private, and serves a small group from many neighborhoods. No vote taken on the last suggestion.

NEWSLETTER: Diane and Regine have produced a first draft, and will hold a folding “party” this Sat, 1-28, 10 AM, at Regine’s. 89 Riverside. It will be distributed thru the neighborhood by hand (and foot) as usual.

CLEMENT STREET BRIDGE: It’s “Friends” are a separate group from BSVA. They need to renew a yearly website fee of \$65. Should we give them the money? Group: Yes.

Sue Norton, Secretary