

BSVA MINUTES – 2-28-17

ATTENDANCE: Jeff Dawson, Alex Ghiselin, Mark Jeliell (14 Liberty), Guy Loibert (80 Warner), Peter Mclean, Mary Molina (80 Warner), Sue Norton, N Azrencer

NONOTUCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL: They have received \$1000 so far from the newsletter mailing. BSVA will pay them rent for use of the community room. If they want to, they can run some kind of fundraising table at the Bash. About 15 or 20 kids with families came to the playdate, 2-5, to use the Kaboom blocks. Most were new people.

NORTHAMPTON NEIGHBORS: A new nonprofit in town, part of a nationwide movement, whose purpose is “empowering seniors to live independent, engaged lives at home.” They are organizing services (as transportation, technology assistance, light home maintenance, post-hospitalization support), interest groups (as book discussion, birding, cooking, card/games), and events (as film, concerts, day trips, potlucks). They meet 4thP Thursdays of the month, 7:30 PM, Northampton YMCA. To hire staff to organize this work, they charge dues.

WAYFINDING: The city will be putting up new signs to indicate parking areas, and business and neighborhood locations.

OUR SIGN: Peter said our garden sign, painted 17 years ago by Karen Feigenbaum, is beginning to blister. When it deteriorates, will we replace it? (No answer.) Also the signposts need repainting, which he will do on Cleanup Day, April 22. Sue and Ann Burger are continuing to maintain the garden.

CLEMENT STREET BRIDGE: The application has been filed with the state since last year to put the bridge on the National Historic Registry, (which would make it more difficult for the state to destroy it and build a 2-lane cement bridge on the site.) Peter has talked with local historian, Steve Strimer, about creating an historic sign for the bridge.

YANKEE HILL MACHINE: They haven't yet moved to Easthampton, altho the property's for sale. They make custom-ordered guns, like assault rifles.

BASH : Coming up, Sunday, April 2, noon to 3pm. Neither Mary Clark , Sue, or Norm will be available that day, so others will have to organize the potluck, run the games, put up the Wall of History, and collect dues. Any volunteers?

STREET REPAIR: The city will start Hinckley this spring. They have money for traffic-calming, and we're at the front of the application line for Riverside Drive, but no new yet.

Submitted, Sue Norton, Secretary