



MEETING THIS THURSDAY, December 10, 1998 @ 7 P.M.
UPSTAIRS AT THE PROP building (24 Mosher Street, formerly Pleasant Street)

- **Rockwood property!** Roger Gendron, of Silver Street Development Co., has been invited to speak about the 150 to 200 condo units he plans to build where currently stands the Rockwood property and the Coast Guard Exchange. He requested that reporters not be invited since he is at a very early phase of design and is just involving us as a courtesy. There is a concern regarding the only place traffic could come out is Mussey and High Street. Please attend to have your questions addressed.

Old Business:

- **Jon Dore', the Director of the So. Portland Land Trust**, at our November meeting talked about the organization and its mission, and answered questions afterwards. Some of the questions addressed were: what could the SPLT do in regards to Old Joe's, the Rockwood property, the open spaces on Henley St., and protecting the Greenbelt Walkway from being moved by future developers? He is interested in a proposal to start up and support adopt-a-trail groups throughout the City with an Earth Day Clean-up. The SPLT is looking for new members; their next meeting is Wed. Dec. 9th at the Elm Street Church @ 7pm. For more information call: 761-4393.
- **Atty. Thomas Ainsworth, with the Portland & South Portland Neighborhoods Steering Committee**, gave us an update at our November meeting on the proposed Jetport expansion for Business Express and distributed a handout called Noise Alert. He invited representatives from FVNCA to join this group, and attend their upcoming meeting on Nov. 23rd. The membership approved having Bruce Grieco, George Hackett, Paul Jacobs, & Kathy Latendresse represent us. Kathy was the only attendee from FVNCA at that meeting. She also just found out that American Eagle Airlines is attempting to buy Business Express. This might change things. The State of Maine is selling off the land at the SP Youth Center. If the jetport does not expand then the land could develop leaving no buffer for the youth center with its new facilities and increased traffic. I have been personally against the selling off the land and equate it to the way the Maine islands were sold off at \$1 each! At this point contacting your State representatives would be the most productive since there is a possibility to stop the sale of the land. For more info call: 871-8622.
- **Quirino "Skip" Lucarelli** has submitted plans to build either 6 additional separate housing units with no zone change or 80 **possible rental** apartments in one building on the eight vacant acres behind his Summit Terrace apartment complex off Broadway. The tower would be on a hill behind the complex. Therefore, it has been mentioned that rentals would be easier than the required selling of the housing units. In order to get his proposal for the 80 units in one large building approved, it will require a zoning change because part of the land is a residential zone that allows **rental** apartment buildings and part of it is a residential zone that does not. The Planning Board will hear Lucarelli's application for a zoning change on **Tuesday, Dec. 8**. If the board recommends a zoning change, the proposal will go to the City Council for a vote. If you have questions or concerns, it is recommended you attend the meetings.

- **Meeting Space:** the next meeting of The **Willard Neighborhood Association** will be Thursday, January 3rd, 1999 at the South Portland Boys and Girls Club. They meet in a back right room every first Thursday. Some FVNCA members have had difficulty with the stairs at the PROP building and said they can not come due to this. Kathy has requested the room for every second Thursday starting with our January meeting. Member input is welcomed.
- A couple meetings have occurred regarding forming a **Master Plan committee**. Instead of forming it for this area only the committee will be looking at the whole of South Portland. Zoning could be fine tuned like changing Limited Business Zones not allow fast food restaurants like McDonald's, decrease density in G zone and set design standards. Although the meeting ended with us not looking at traffic, I still believe traffic should be considered in relation to development particularly since only eastern Broadway has been looked at compared to the whole city. It was noted that South Portland has hired a noise consultant to help draft a noise ordinance for the city. The next meeting is on the December 17th.
- **Newsletters** at our November meeting were discussed. This month Paul Jacobs, the Secretary, assisted with the creation of the FVNCA newsletter. We could use some volunteers to help pass out our monthly newsletters on your street. Please call Kathy at 799-6947 if you can assist.
- **Concerned Neighbors** have amended their lawsuit regarding the 7-8 story South Portland Housing Development Corporation high-rise. The recent Planning Board & City Council hearings were to address the initial improper notification to abutters, however, the new notices posted and the maps sent out indicated the hearing was for an I-zone (Industrial) to an S1-zone (Shipyard Conditional). Since this area had been rezoned to an S1 already, the notices should have indicated the city was hearing an S1-zone to and S1-zone. A court date should be decided before the end of December. Concerned Neighbors is still fundraising to pay the legal fees. A turkey raffle was held prior to Thanksgiving, and a tied 9-patch quilt will be raffled off for the holidays. For more information on the quilt call: 767-1788, or to make a donation call: 767-5806.
- David Swander would like to re-institute a Welcome Wagon and a neighborhood Crime Watch program plus start a Community Caring program. **Volunteers** and committee members are needed to help make some of these ideas come to life. If you have any ideas, or want to help, please contact:
Vice President, David Swander: 767-5806 E-mail: DSwander@aol.com

Happy Holidays to all Ferry Village residents!

Ferry Village Neighborhood Conservation Association MEMBERSHIP FORM

If anyone would like to become a member of the FVNCA, dues are **only \$ 5.00 per family**. Membership runs currently from November 1 to October 31st. Monthly FVNCA meeting are always the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.. Becoming a member guarantees delivery of the FVNCA NEWSLETTER each month and you have a vote in what you want the organization to be and do.

799-6947 E-mail: kathyl@maine.rr.com

Mail or drop off this form to the President: Kathy Latendresse, 199 High Street, South Portland, Maine 04106,

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Renewal _____ **New Membership** _____ **Date** _____ **Fee Enclosed** _____ (\$5.00/year)