

Ferry Village Neighborhood Conservation Association (FVNCA) January 11, 2007

Minutes

35 Ferry Village members and friends were present for this meeting.

Introductions were made.

1. Minutes approved as written.

2. **Treasurer's report:**

- Savings account balance: \$1,049.31 (with \$500 designated funds for Old Joe's Pond)
- Checking account balance: \$1,204.22
- Friends of Ferry Village Memorial Fund: \$1,100.00
- Acquired revenue from 2006-07 membership dues: \$125.00. Annual dues are \$5.00 per family.

Treasurer's report approved unanimously.

3. **Guest Speakers ~ Kathryn Onos DiPhilippo – Author and City Historian**

Kathy shared a wonderful PowerPoint presentation related to many facets of FVNCA history. Additionally she shared information about the Historical Society and a recently published book entitled "The Many Neighborhoods of South Portland" which was also available for sale. She informed the group that the Historical Society is currently located in the basement of City Hall and is open on Saturday's May-October and by appointment the rest of the year and always looking for new members. Kathy was very generous in extending her knowledge to anyone who might be interested in learning more about your own property. She encouraged all to either visit the Historical Society or to contact her with questions at 767-3268 or Kathy@barrenhillbrooks.com.

4. **Other Items**

- Tom Blake was congratulated for being recognized as the Sentry's "Person of the Year". Congratulations, Tom, and thank you for all of your contributions to FVNCA and the City!
- Ted Jankowski introduced himself and shared his enthusiasm as being our new City Manager. FVNCA welcomed him.
- We also welcomed Maxine Beecher and Linda Boudreau as the City Councilors in attendance.
- The Ferry Village sign is currently being refurbished by resident John O'Brien. It was also noted that the poles that hold the sign have rotted and need to be replaced.
- "Friends of Ferry Village Fund". The sub-committee reported and shared its recommendations regarding the distribution of funds (see attached). Members are encouraged to submit ideas to either Jennifer Kirk at jsk@propeople.org or Betsy Morrison (767-6063 or havechef@gwi.net) with additional ideas/suggestions for the structuring of this fund. All ideas will be presented at the April meeting and the membership will vote at that time regarding the criteria for distribution and maintenance of funds.
- Sawyer Street sidewalk status – Although the material that we recommended was not the one chosen by the city to use, there have been more sidewalks that have been redone that could not otherwise have been done if concrete had been used. Sawyer Street was completed all the way from Broadway to Front Street and a bit around Front Street. Concern was raised regarding the drainage by the sidewalks that were graded. Mr. Jankowski, City Manager, offered to follow-up. He indicated that he thought the plan was that this would be remedied in the spring.

(Other Items – cont.)

- Speed Tables – In September, Councilors Claude Morgan and Kay Loring heard our recommendations that more speed tables be put in where the Greenbelt crosses the main roads. Members were again reminded to contact their City Councilors with feedback regarding the benefits of speed tables in the Village. Concern continued to be expressed to the Councilors regarding the visibility of the Greenbelt crossing at Mussey Street.
- School Street Playground. There was a request to identify basic needs that might be able to be addressed in writing a CDBG grant that will assist in refurbishing the playground.
- Marketing/Communications – The brochure needs to be updated. Gail Kolbe generously developed a draft that can be used as an interim brochure. It was also recommended that FVNCA develop its own website. The membership approved \$12.00 per month to devote to the maintenance of an FVNCA website with the understanding that there are free programs/volunteers available to develop websites.
- PROP update. A meeting was held with Jim Gailey regarding zoning requirements and potential uses of the building in order to serve the community in the best way it can. PROP continues to welcome input from FVNCA members regarding the best way for PROP to serve the community.
- South Portland Zoning Committee – Maxine Beecher reported that the work of this committee is very involved and a complicated process to discern. The committee needs to sort out and meld ordinances, utilize the Master Plan and have all compliment one another. Ideas are still welcomed and can be submitted to Tex Hauser.

Future Meetings:

April 12, 2007 – Possible Program Presentations

- Carol Campbell has lots of picture albums that she could share
- Earl Shuttleworth – Maine Historical Preservation regarding the architectural development of the homes in Ferry Village.

June 14, 2007 – Program Presentation to be determined

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Betsy Morrison