



WHITE WATER MEADOWS CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: May 19, 2013

Time: 5:00 pm

Venue: Community Entrance

Prayer: Millicent Hinds- Brown

Total of residents present: 44

Executive Committee Members Present:-

Andrea Golding – President

Athoy Neil – Secretary

Peter Hutchinson – Treasurer

Petrina Henry – Assistant PRO

Joan Ellison – Assistant Secretary

Andrew Grant – Vice President

Donald Scott – Vice President

Donald Tomlinson – Chairman, Planning and Community Development

Meeting called to order:

The meeting was called to order by Peter Hutchinson.

Apologies:

Mr. Hawthorne Thompson, Parish Councilors for the Sydenham Division, sent his apology for not being able to address the meeting on behalf of the Member of Parliament.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read.

Financial Overview

A brief financial overview for the 3rd Quarter (February 1 - April 30) was given by the Treasurer Mr. Peter Hutchinson, who went on to indicate the bank balances while showing the main income and expenditures for the period and up to the time of the meeting.

The main earnings were listed as follows:-

- 1) Lime Lease - \$94,685.77
- 2) Maintenance Dues - \$30,582.84
- 3) Website subscription - \$8,700.00
- 4) Hartland Roads collection - \$231,676.80 (January - April)

While expenses were:-

- 1) Maintenance of the Park, Football field and Entrance - \$26,990 (done once since February because of drought).
- 2) Website Maintenance - \$2,000 (starting April).
- 3) Town Crier announcements - \$6,000

Maintainance:

Mr. Hutchinson also informed the residents that the Executive Body was keen on the purchase of a riding mower, which he stated will make taking care of the green areas in our community more affordable. A quotation of approximately \$159,000.00 plus GCT was presented as the cost which he assured would be well spent given the present cost to cut these areas monthly. He also indicated that a Tax Waiver was possible and a letter would be written to the Ministry of Finance requesting same.

The Bylaws require that such decisions be ratified by the General Meeting and a resolution to that effect was presented for a vote. Questions raised by residents resulted in the resolution being passed but with the conditions that suitable storage and additional price quotes must be obtained before the purchase is made. Twenty seven (27) persons voted in favour of this purchase and no one (0) voted against it.



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Maintenance Dues

He went on to inform residents that although the collection of Maintenance Dues have shown an increase over the previous quarters, it was still below what was required to adequately maintain our green areas. He reminded residents that collections were done on the last weekend of every month and urged everyone present to make their monthly payments on time.

Gazebo

The estimates for the proposed Gazebo were in and Mr. Hutchinson indicated that from all indications it was proving to be very costly.

The costs were outlined as follows:-

- 1) Purchase of 40 ft container - \$290,000 plus GCT
- 2) Transportation to White Water - \$50,000 (estimate).
- 3) Crane hireage - \$34,000
- 4) Labour cost for preparing base and erecting roof - \$350,000

The total of which is \$724,000 which does not include any material at all. He indicated that other options would be explored in order to reduce cost.

Hartlands Road

It was pointed out that work on sugar roads was recently advertised for tender including the Hartlands Road, which was included in the listing as “Bernard Lodge”. There was still a question of what section of the roadway is to receive attention through this project. It was hoped that the MP or his representative would have been able to provide clarity on this. With the absence of both the Member of Parliament (MP) and his designated representative, no further update on plans for work on the Hartlands Road was available.

Labour Day

The White Water Meadows Labour Day project was scheduled to start at 7:30am and end at 6:30pm. Our project would be mainly focused on beautifying the community entrance and green areas. In addition, a resident has volunteered to replace or repair some of the gratings covering the street-side entrances to our drains. Donations already received included: paints, paintbrushes, gravels, rakes, shovels and gloves. Residents were asked to donate whatever they can to help with this project and to come out and give their time and labour.

Safety Issues

Two incidents of persons coming in on residents and stealing were brought to our attention. It was suggested that we ask the Spanish Town police to do regular patrols in the community. Also that we block off the shortcut between Sydenham Villas and White Water Meadows.

Residents' Concerns

Some residents were concerned that there are residents who have done construction on their houses from 5-6 years ago and the materials are still on the sidewalks. The association would like to inform these people that the side walk does not belong to them and that it is public space. A resident was concerned about the damage on the road between Lincoln and Bayswater due to a broken water main.

Audit Committee

One other person indicated a willingness to serve on the audit committee. He is Charles Tam and his professional experience includes six (6) years auditing cooperatives at the Department of Cooperatives and Friendly Societies (DCFS) and the National Union of Cooperative Societies (NUCS). He was accepted by unanimous vote.

Other Committees

There was a small introduction of the various committees and persons were asked to volunteer. Twelve (12) persons volunteered to serve on four (4) other committees. They are Sports, Fundraising, Public Relations and Welfare and Outreach

Meeting Adjourned: Andrea Golding

1st – Heather White

2nd – Joan Ellison



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Recording Secretary: Athoy Neil

Signature

Date

Approved by: President Andrea Golding

Signature

Date