

**Hickory Hill Association, Inc**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**August 19, 2023**

The meeting commenced at 9:43 AM

President Matt Carstensen opened the meeting by asking each person present to introduce themselves and note their favorite restaurant. He then gave a brief explanation as to items of interest. He has contacted Attorney Mazzeo to get definitive information regarding ownership and/or responsibility of the so called “common areas” of the development as well as a few other issues of concern. Note: the board approved funds for this service during a board meeting on 10/26/22. Matt was pleased to report that the Association had just received yellow lawn signs with varying messages in regard to the anti-speeding campaign. Several of the signs were on display at the meeting.

Matt mentioned that the Association is always looking for help and that he could be called at any time.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer, Lee Matthews, presented her report and explained that expenses, except for the “roads” category, were in-line with previous years due to a work delay regarding drain repairs. We have been assured by the vendor that this will be completed soon.

The treasurer’s report was accepted by voice vote.

Lee also noted that membership for that past year was 62 of 87 (71%), and that, remarkably, 52 members provided funds above the minimum.

Matt then gave the “Roads and Landscaping” report. The repair of two storm drains on Tanglewood and Poplar is imminent and should be completed within weeks.

He had engaged Pina Landscaping to clean up leaves and branches this past fall, which lessened the amount of work required by the HHA volunteers during the “Spring Clean-up.” This allowed more time for the placement and spreading of

mulch by the volunteers. Twelve drains are to be cleaned by Kee Enterprises in the coming month or so.

Matt mentioned that he requested that a town engineer come out to inspect a drain in front of 25 Hickory Hill Cir. The homeowner asked to be notified of the date of the inspection in order that she may be present. Matt also stated that he has asked the Town of Barnstable Highway Department to trim the trees which are near the streetlights as they are reducing the illumination of the streets. He explained that it was previously envisioned that this work would only be accomplished by private contractors, and, therefore, the cost of such coming out of HHA funds. Matt was asked him if there is any street “crack sealing” anticipated soon. He stated that there were no immediate plans, but that he would look into it.

The election of 2023-24 officers as presented by the nomination committee to the Board of Directors was approved unanimously by the members.

**President** - Matt Carstensen     **Vice President** - Andrea Arruda

**Treasurer** - Lee Matthews

**Directors** - Brian Baker, Steve Booth, Susan Kingston, Frank Matthews, Laura Mazzeo, and Jim Remby

**Alternate Directors** - Amy Powers and Rife Boston

A second vote took place, in which the membership unanimously elected Diane Oldach to the position of **Secretary**.

Lee presented the income/expense budget for the coming year. She explained that it was in-line with recent budgets, with several exceptions. One being the legal category, the majority of which is for the above mentioned attorney’s fees.

Another being the roads category, which is higher than the past year. All of the increase will be used to cover the drain repair and cleaning which is presently in the works or soon to be completed.

In the “open forum” Matt suggested a “logo” change for the Association and even passed out a sheet which could be used to sketch suggestions and return to him. He also mentioned that the Association Board would be considering the establishment of a Facebook page for internal membership only communication. Larry Welch, the outgoing secretary suggested that the board consider returning the annual meeting date to mid-September instead of August. This would move the work preparation for the meeting to a less busy time for those doing the preparation. He suggested that the Association consider a policy to provide a copy of the Annual Meeting packet to each paid member within 30 days of the meeting

and offered to personally see that it is for this year. Patrica Connors mentioned that this would not work for her.

Joan Romano recommended that the Welcome Wagon initiative consider providing a gift certificate to a local restaurant as an alternative to the gifting of a live plant. Matt closed the meeting by thanking all for their participation and requested that each return at 6:00 PM later in the day to attend the annual "Pizza Social".

The meeting concluded at 10:34

Note: There were 29 members in attendance representing 19 properties.