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YHOA Annual Meeting

ROLL CALL

Thirty of 45 lots were represented either by proxy or in person. Four of the six proxies also included absentee ballots. As the quorum requirement of 23 had been met, the meeting was called to order by President Will Hummel at 2:10 pm.

PROOF OF NOTICE OF MEETING

The President certified that notice of the meeting had been sent out to all lot owners in a timely manner.

READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mike Dallas moved the minutes be approved and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (attached)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jerry Howell explained the slight increase in the Association's reserve and why we have transferred the Association's account to Towne Bank.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ACC: JULIE HUMMEL - Julie acknowledged Bob Whitley's services as previous chairman and reported this had been an uneventful year for the Committee.

LC: CHERRI SPELLMEYER – Cherri explained the work that had been done during her tenure, particularly on the “Walsingham Strip” along Yorkshire Drive. She went into detail about the condition of some of the older plantings including the crape myrtle that needs to be removed, the diseased photinia, and a larger tree that is subject to splitting. She explained the monetary projections in her landscape plan and made the case for additional funding down the road.

OLD BUSINESS

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Will Hummel was approved for a second term and Bruce Ullman was approved to serve on the BoD

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF 2014 BUDGET (Budget included in pre-meeting mailing)

There was a great deal of lively discussion of the need for increasing the landscaping budget and the associated dues increase that was up for approval.

Ed Brandt explained his proposal to increase dues even further (by \$50/year rather than \$25) in order to ensure the Association could meet its landscaping needs without depending on volunteer help (though he supported continuing the volunteer work days to promote community camaraderie). He cited the aging of the volunteer workforce, the small number of repeat participants, and the fact that our dues are among the lowest in the area.

Ed further discussed how maintaining the common area benefits everyone and that making it look good was the responsibility of everyone committed to promoting a real sense of "community."

Ultimately, the budget was approved unanimously (including absentee votes).

Bob Grossman suggested the Association get something in writing from Walsingham to show they had given the Association permission to landscape the "Walsingham Strip" as it has been no more than a verbal understanding up to now. However, it was pointed out that, if someone were hurt by a falling tree from the property and sued Walsingham, a written agreement might give Walsingham grounds to shift responsibility to the Association. The suggestion was subsequently dropped.

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF ANNUAL DUES INCREASE

There was a strong feeling among the members present that the increase should be approved. However, since the By-Laws require approval by a 2/3 majority of all lot owners (30 votes including absentees and proxies) and lot owners absent and not represented by proxy are considered no votes, the measure failed by 3 votes.

It was then moved that the membership ask the BoD to exercise its right to raise dues by 10% a year and to go on record as recommending that BoDs for the subsequent 4 years do the same. The motion passed 28-2 (including proxies).

CARS PARKED ON STREETS

Marguerite Brown discussed the issue of multiple vehicles parked on the street for several days which could be both unsightly and a danger if they blocked a driver's view of oncoming traffic. She indicated that the City will only remove a vehicle if it has an expired registration or inspection sticker or is blocking a driveway. The particular problem that provoked her complaint appears to have resolved itself.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce L. Ullman, Secretary

The President's Report – 2013

It is my pleasure to report to you that our community corporation remains in sound financial and operating order. Our community has recently been enhanced with the addition of our newest neighbors William & Carole Pearson of 122 Yorkshire Dr. having moved into Bob and Jo Whitley's home. We wish Bob and Jo the best of luck in their new home in Fords Colony and thank Bob for his service to the Association. We also welcome Bill Blood and Ann Trinca of 10 Whitby Court who are moving here from Reston, VA but still have a junior in HS with a year left to go.

Our community remained very active this last year upholding past traditions of the fall picnic, community garage sales, work-weekends and the Christmas Eve Holiday luminary party. All of these provide wonderful opportunities to get together, share some laughs, and get to know what great neighbors we have in our community. Some of our most wonderful resources willingly provide their time and effort to enhance the beauty and operation of our Association. In particular I would like to recognize the efforts of Cherri Spellmeyer and the entire Landscaping Committee which includes Mary Ann Dallas, Jean Fox, and Sharon Arbona, for their tireless efforts to organize work weekends, manage the landscaping services, and monitor the health of our common areas. Few realize the amount of time and effort that goes into these tasks. Once again, I also congratulate them for their City Beautification Award. In addition, I would like to thank Richard DuChateau for his continued support as our webmaster. He does an outstanding job developing and maintaining our community website. If you have not visited our site I encourage you to do so. You will find a wealth of up to date information about our Association.

The site can be found at www.yorkshirehomeowners.org.

There are also several neighbors who support us in ways we would only notice if they they failed to take the initiative on their own. Our flags always fly on national holidays, the luminaries are always picked up early Christmas morning, and the community tables always arrive on time for the fall picnic. For this we can thank Jerry and Liz Hedgepeth, Ken and Kitty Lewis, Bruce Grissom and Bob Grossman. My apologies if I have missed anyone else.

Over the past two years I have had the privilege of serving our community as a member of our Board of Directors, and as your President this last year. It has been a privilege to work with such a dedicated, energetic, and selfless group of people on our board and committees.

I would like to recognize these individuals and express our appreciation for their service: Jerry Welborn serves as Vice President and is very supportive of our board, Nikki Drake has recently completed her second year on the board as Secretary and, the truth be told, really does run the Association providing all the meeting minutes, follow up on disclosure packet requests, and acting as our historical and procedural

reference for most any question. We thank her for her outstanding service and welcome Bruce Ullman who has graciously agreed to take over the duties of Secretary this coming year.

Jerry Howell has done a fantastic job as Treasurer making sure we comply with state regulations governing homeowners associations, and keeping our bank records straight and our bills paid on time.

These fellow officers coupled with the counsel and advice from Mike Dallas, our Member At Large, Cherri Spellmeyer, and Julie Hummel, who has also kindly agreed to take over as chairman of the Architectural Review Committee have made my job enjoyable and worthwhile.

As we embark on this new year we do so on solid financial footing but not without future needs and challenges. We have been blessed with the willingness of a dozen people giving their time during work weekends to help keep our common areas beautiful and supplement the professional services we hire. I encourage you to provide your attention and support to our up coming landscaping report which details future needs that if not planned for and addressed may find ourselves in a position where our property values are impacted. We are thankfully in a position to address all of our most immediate needs but anticipate in the not too distant future challenges that if properly planned for can be remedied in a phased approach. Of course we serve at the pleasure of the Association and will take whatever action the membership dictates including maintaining a steady state approach.

I conclude with a reminder to please stay in contact as a community and let me or Bruce know of any resident who may have lost a loved one, has fallen ill, or may be in the hospital so that we can lend our prayers and support as good and caring neighbors.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Hummel
President