

MOUNT SINAI CIVIC ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

April 2, 2012

Board Members Present: Ann Becker, Deirdre DuBato,

Call to order & Pledge: 8:03pm

I. President's Report:

Welcome
Explanation of tonight's agenda

II. Recording Secretary's Report: Ann Becker

Minutes of 3/5/2012 approved.

III. Treasurer's Report:

Deferred due to absence of the Treasurer

IV. Corresponding Secretary's Report: Ann Becker

Letters:

- A. Resident letter regarding traffic, water, and tidal flooding on Harbor Beach road. Has requested assistance from the Town. Solicited interest in forming a roads committee within the Civic, which she would lead. Interested parties may contact the Civic Board.
- B. Heritage Trust thanked the Civic for its donation.
- C. CW Bonner confirmed she will officiate the Civic's swearing-in of the new Board.

V. Executive Board Elections: Ann Becker

- A. Request for nominations for Civic officers. None were submitted by members present.
- B. Proposed slate of Civic officers read:
President: Ann Becker; Vice President: Dick Noonan; Corresponding Secretary: Brad Arrington; Recording Secretary: Herb Schutte; Membership Secretary: Deirdre DuBato; Treasurer: Saranto Calamas.
- C. No objections to the proposed slate.

VI. Old Business: Ann Becker

- A. TD Bank (at Rt 25 and Mt. Sinai-Coram Rd) is set to open soon. Asking for help in sourcing a local photograph for a mural.
- B. Soundview Properties development on Rt 25: No news. Waiting for community benefit update. Town has no updated information.
- C. Amsterdam Congregate Care Facility (at SE corner of CR 83 and NYS Rt 25). No news. Member concern: rumor of a 5 story project and would be a Not for Profit (and not be required to pay property tax). D. DuBato: the Civic must approve of any change to current zoning / plan,

and would not endorse such a design (5 stories). Most of these types of facilities are Not for Profit, but may make PILOT payments.

D. New gas station at Crystal Brook Hollow is a Mobil, not a Hess as thought.

E. "Sober Home" update. DA Spota is continuing the investigation into sober homes in general and Cathy's Flower Stand in particular. Any member desiring information on sober homes should contact DA Spota's office. The Civic will reach out to the Coram Civic to discuss Member concerns about the property.

Owner of the facility was present. Asserts that facility is not and never has been a sober home. Asserts it is a group home that is registered by the state, has been repeatedly inspected by the state and by the SCPD 6th precinct. People who receive state-sponsored social services live at the home. Sees the matter as one of poor neighborly relations. Will provide his attorney's contact information for inquiries.

F. Residents' concerns about roadway issues: speeding, clogged drains. Suggest to invite Code Enforcement to a future Civic meeting to discuss concerns.

VII. Presentations:

A. The scheduled presentation regarding Neighborhood Watch was cancelled due to last minute conflict for the presenter.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Fred Drewes is still looking for an iron wheeled single row potato digger as a Heritage Park display. Contact him if you have information.
- B. Mt. Sinai Garden Club welcomes members is holding meetings. All are welcome.
- C. The Mt. Sinai historical Assn. welcomes members and visitors.
- D. Neighborhood Watch: the group invites interested residents to join their group via their website.
- E. Local elected officials asked their names be read at the meeting. They are happy to help constituents.

Adjournment: 8:47pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Becker, President