

# AUSABLE ACRES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

## AAPOA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

Prior to the start of our meeting, the Board had invited candidates for Highway Superintendent and Town Council to address us. In attendance was Kevin Zaumetzer and Erin Himmel for Highway Superintendent and Spencer Reynolds, Katy Mongulla and John Sheldrake for town council. Pete DeFina also read a statement by Bob Segal who was unable to attend the meeting. Each candidate was allowed a couple of minutes to give a brief statement regarding their candidacy. Then, AAPOA members asked the candidates some brief questions. Among them were highway maintenance, better traffic control at the intersection of Cross Street and Ausable Drive and tax issues. The prevailing issue among most of the Town Council candidates was the revitalization of Ausable Forks. Also in attendance was Lori Ducharme, candidate for Tax Collector, who made a brief statement.

The general membership meeting was called to order at 11:05 am was 34 members in attendance including the board members.

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

Pete DeFina, president, introduced the Board members: Rick Bremer, Katy Bidelspach, Joe DeMarco (vice president), Phil Dooley (treasurer), Paul Longenderfer, Jim Phillips, Knut Sauer (C&R enforcement), Allan Watnik (secretary)

### **PREVIOUS MEETING**

The general meeting minutes of 7/1/2017 was approved

### **TREASURER'S REPORT AND BUDGET – Phil Dooley**

Phil distributed and reviewed the AAPOA's income and expenditures summary and account balances. There were no questions regarding his report

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE- Joe Demarco**

There were permits issued for a garage at 23 Traum Lane and for a breezeway at 22 Fir Street.

#### **MEMBERSHIP – Pete DeFina**

Pete reported that there we have a total of 315 members this year. We continue to have a significant number of people skip a year of member, which lowers our potential.

#### **COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS COMMITTEE- Knut Sauer**

Outstanding violations:

19 Hochsteig – the Town of Jay has declared the home abandoned and will act on the property in the near future.

42 Traum – The situation has improved within the extent of the AAPOA's C&R. However, a neighbor in attendance reported continuing problems with dogs and noise.

Cayuga Lane - Issue with camper in use this summer on vacant lot, a violation of the C&R's. Knut discussed the issue with the property owner and the camper was removed.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Pete Defina**

1. Pete briefly discussed what the responsibilities are of being the newly elected president
2. Pavilion plaque hung with the names of all persons who had contributed fifty dollars or more towards the pavilion's construction
3. Mass email issue - # emails opened has fallen from 62% to 45%. Pete reminded the member to add the AAPOA's email address to the email's provider's list of accepted messages
4. An announcement was made regarding the forthcoming Year Rounder's Holiday Dinner and the Wilderness Inn
5. Pete reminded the members of the popular Book Club in the Acres.
6. Pete mentioned his concern about NYSEG's plans to do tree trimming in the Acre. He said he had placed a call to the utility for more details.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Neighborhood sign project  
Jim Phillips reported that the Lakeside sign was completed.
2. 150 lot project  
Doug Barry reported that we have a about 139 forms completed and filed. However, he mentioned we should strive for about 165 commitments in case some are contested in the future. He encouraged everyone to speak to the friends and neighbors about their commitment to the project.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Joe DiMarco suggested that the association should send representatives to every Town Council meeting which meets the second Thursday of each month.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, a motion was made and second followed by a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 12:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Watnik