

## **WEST HARRISON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

### **Minutes of Meeting: November 15, 2006 at the West Harrison Fire House**

**Attendance: Total – 31 :**

**Fred Sciliano** welcomed all.

The **minutes of the last meeting of September 20, 2006** were approved. (No meeting in October.)

**Treasurer's Report: Jeff LaGrotte** – Balance is \$11,800.00. Sending out final IRS application information for the 501c3, for charitable designation, which will make dues tax deductible and give us the ability to apply for grant funds and get donations from businesses and stores that will not give unless that status is in place. And no taxes on purchases. Paid general liability insurance - \$471.00 for the year.

**Election of Board of Directors:** After a suggestion from the floor and agreement by hand vote of the membership, your secretary cast 1 vote for the entire slate of officers. The following were re-elected:

Lori Wilson – vice president	Trustee #2 – Charles Russo
Jeff LaGrotte – treasurer	Trustee #4 – Mario Gallo

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Seniors - Ro Verano** reported that another day that lunch is served has been added at the senior centers. They now are served lunch on Mondays and Tuesdays. Nancy DeLeo and Ro submit menus to Piones. There are 27 to 35 seniors at each lunch. Our West Harrison seniors take care of everything for themselves through their own committee. (Which was instituted by our Senior Committee.) They have a movie after lunch on Monday and an exercise program after lunch on Tuesday, which is well attended by about 25 per week. They have gotten a ceramics program instituted that will start in January. They will work to add another lunch day on Fridays. A new modular senior center building is to be installed in May and they will review the plans. They are talking about implementing a buddy phone call program to keep check on those seniors that live alone, after one of our seniors was found dead in his house after not being seen for days. Discussing a program with H & R Block to help seniors with their tax reports. Trying to get a weekly “senior in the news” column going in the Harrison Report after the reporter that it was planned with left the paper. Would like to have water aerobics for seniors when the new pool goes in. Their next committee meeting will be December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Planning & Zoning: Fred** - Ed DiBuono, the enforcement officer is still recovering from a serious heart attack and not back to work yet. Mayor Malfitano has asked Mary Malara for her master list of illegal residences that she has been compiling from the community so that he can follow up on it. The proposed storage building near Preston School is a dead issue for now. They are now planning to build it at the Middle School.

**Parks & Recreation: Charlie Russo** – a resident complained about the blacktop going in at the curb at the library and was told it was just a temporary measure for safety. Call if you see things like that. Everyone should be a watchdog to improve the community. Numbers count and support of the membership is needed to make things happen and effect change. They had a walk-thru in the woods around the lake on the heritage trail with Barbara Specht and Bob Viscome (for Bob Wasp) and went in half a mile. There is a lot of history there. Trails are partially marked. We want to a cleanup, plantings, rehabilitation of natural environment. Met with young future eagle scouts. A knowledgeable person in White Plains is interested in working with us. Hoping to get kids involved and get grant money.

A town engineer met with consulting company about the fish project to clean up the lake. Our committee needs new members and ideas.

**Public Works: Lisa Faillace-Sciliano** - The mayor said bids are due in January for the streetscape project and hoping for a July work start. The clock donated by the Harrison Beautification Committee will be installed in the triangle and they are also looking at raising money for signs at gateways and identifying project sites. They are modeling on White Plains organization. We, the WHNA are hoping to donate benches for the streetscape project.

**Fundraising: Mario Gallo** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner Dance is to be held on Saturday, April 28, and we need members to join the committee to help.

**Membership:** Dues for 2007 are now being collected.

**Youth Committee: Fred** – new committee, we need members to sign up.

**Tree Lighting Ceremony: Gregg** – Friday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at Taylor Square. The mayor will be there, live entertainment with Kathryn and Bobby Raio. We need people to help. Refreshments back at the fire house will be deserts only this year and hot chocolate and other drinks. Rain date is December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Election of the Grand Illuminator:** Ro Verano was chosen the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Illuminator, from multiple nominations. No elections were necessary because the two other nominees had declined to have their names entered.

**Future meetings:** No meeting in December. At the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting we will have George Klein from the Sierra Club. Other dates are February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 21<sup>st</sup>, and April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**WHNA Website: Gregg Rosenberg** – see updated info on 287 ongoing construction project. Access highway entrances at other locations to avoid the long wait at our closest entrance ramp.

**Fred** – Jeff Coombs, a resident of West Harrison has been injured in Iraq and is presently at Walter Reid Hospital. Fred and Lisa visited him there. The Mayor sent a letter. Also injured in Iraq was a member of the Dierlein Family of West Harrison. Fred will inform the mayor.

**Floor Discussions:** Times of pickup at mailboxes in town are all 9:30 except the box near the bank which is at 4:30 pickup. Suggestions were mentioned of getting the media involved with our post office problem. The Gannett papers had already been contacted by Angela but they never did anything. What about 7-on line.

Fred discussed the property for sale on the block of Clark's Auto Body. Owners of the property want suggestions from residents for its use.

A member asked if anyone has spoken to the town about the on going run-off problem at the Lake St. Quarry site which is getting worse. Concern is that something toxic would get into the brook and move onward to the woodlands, etc. Fred will follow up with mayor and email Bob Wasp and the chief.

The town house issue is a dead issue in the whole town so they can't be built on the quarry site.

**Next meeting January 17, 2007.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Angela Amodeo, Secretary  
West Harrison Neighborhood Association

**ATTENDANCE - 31 - November 15, 2006**

Fred Sciliano  
M. DiSimone  
Margaret Donahue  
Jerry Shallo  
Kathy Shallo  
Ann Gaudenzi  
Virginia Hobby  
Louise Roselli  
Carole Buehler  
Gregg Rosenberg  
Charles Russo

Lisa faillace-Sciliano  
JoAnn King  
Alice Montemarano  
Anthony Verano  
Jerry Shallo (2)  
Rich Conrad  
Bob Maher  
John Vasta  
Angela Amodeo  
Jeff LaGrotte

Barbara Fanelli  
Norma Lent  
Annette Shallo  
Rosemarie Verano  
Al Gaudenzi  
Nick Renna  
Vince Roselli  
Richard Buehler  
Gerri Barbagallo  
Mario Gallo